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Hi, I'm Gotouge! It makes me sad to say it, but this is the final volume of *Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba*. Thank you to everyone who has cheered me on and was involved with the series. All the encouragement and support I received from the people who read my work meant so much to me, so no amount of thanks I can offer would ever be enough. Your kindness cheered me on the whole time and from all sides. Thank you so much for reading this manga. I worked hard on it, so I'm really happy. Truly, I'm blessed to have been able to present *Demon Slayer* to the world. I look forward to the day when we can all meet again!

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LIFE SHINING ACROSS THE YEARS

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CHARACTERS

TANJIRO KAMADO

A kind boy who saved his sister and now aims to avenge his family. He can smell the scent of demons and an opponent's weakness.

NEZUKO KAMADO

Tanjiro's younger sister. A demon attacked her and turned her into a demon. But unlike other demons, she fights her urges and tries to protect Tanjiro.

GYU TOMIOKA

The Hashira who invited Tanjiro to join the Demon Slayer Corps. He has always cared about Tanjiro.

INOSUKE HASHIBIRA

He also went through Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. He wears the pelt of a wild boar and is very belligerent.

ZENITSU AGATSUMA

He went through Final Selection at the same time as Tanjiro. He's usually cowardly, but when he falls asleep, his true power comes out.

OBANAI IGURO

Serpent Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. He's always in the company of his snake Kaburamaru.

GENYA SHINAZUGAWA

Wind Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. He has a harsh attitude toward his younger brother Genya.

GYOMEI HIMEJIMA

Stone Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. He is always clasping a rosary and reciting a Buddhist prayer.

MITSURI KANROJI

Love Hashira in the Demon Slayer Corps. She joined the Demon Slayer Corps to find a man to marry.

YUSHIRO

A young boy who is a demon. He is devoted to Tamayo and possesses a Blood Demon Art called Eyeblind. He is pretending to be human so he can work alongside the Demon Slayers.

MUZAN KIBUTSUJI

Kibutsuji turned Nezuko into a demon. He is Tanjiro's enemy and hides his nature in order to live among human beings.

STORY

In Taisho-era Japan, young Tanjiro makes a living selling charcoal. One day, demons kill his family and turn his younger sister Nezuko into a demon. Tanjiro and Nezuko set out to find a way to return Nezuko to human form and defeat Kibutsuji, the demon who killed their family!

After joining the Demon Slayer Corps, Tanjiro meets Tamayo and Yushiro—demons who oppose Kibutsuji—who provide a clue to how Nezuko may be turned back into a human. Nezuko manifests the ability to withstand sunlight, so Kibutsuji attacks Ubuyashiki Mansion. The Demon Slayers suffer many losses, but they kill all the Upper Rank demons and eventually find Kibutsuji! As Tamayo's poison makes him grow weaker, will they be able to deliver the final blow? It all comes down to this desperate clash, but how will it end?!

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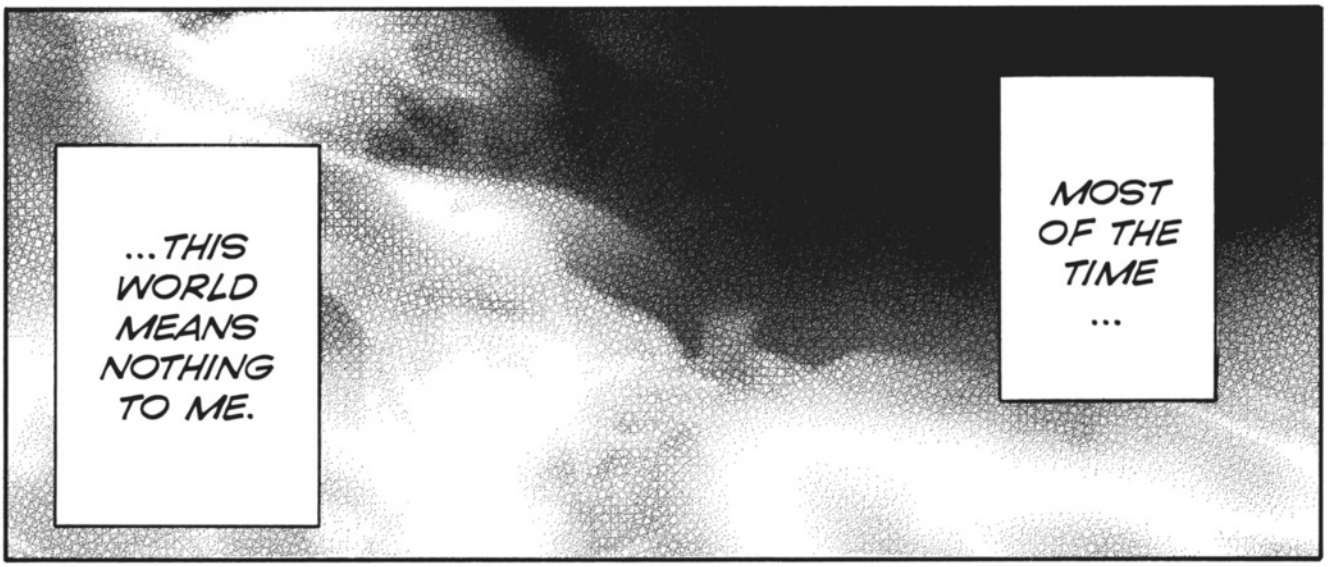
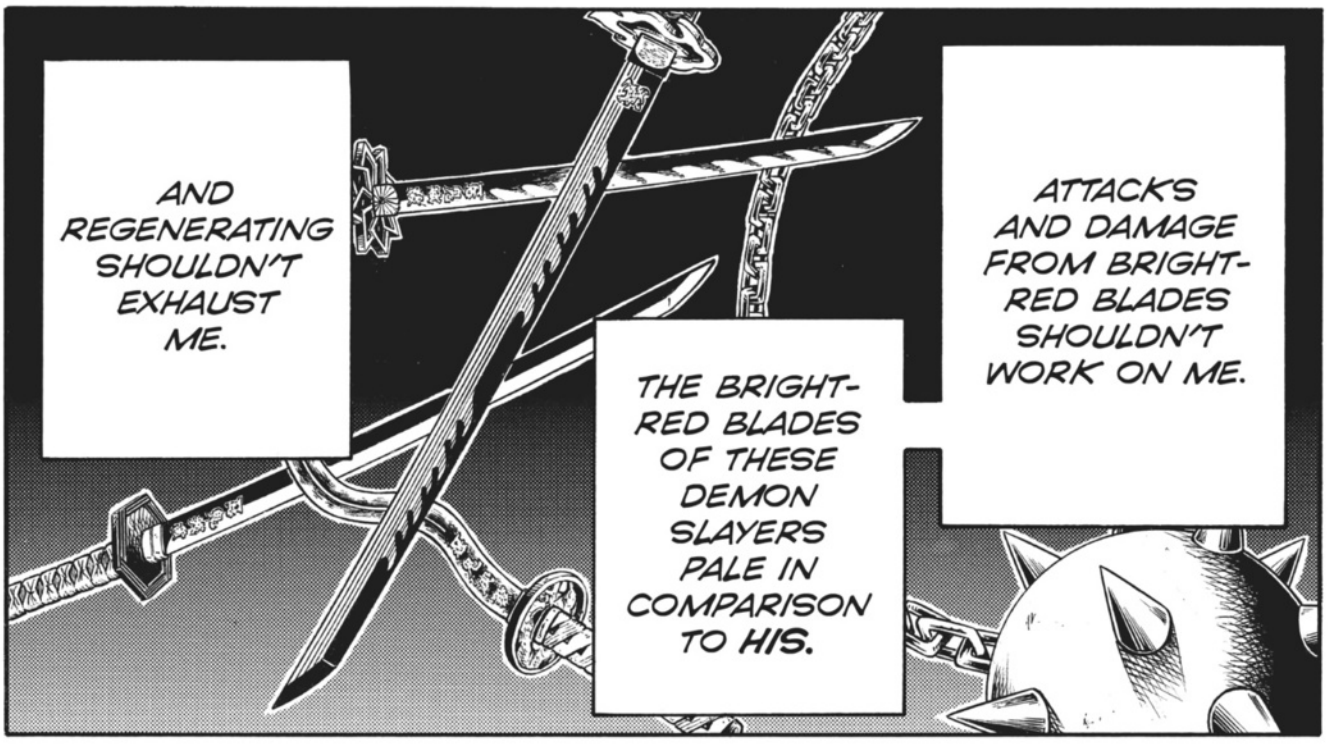
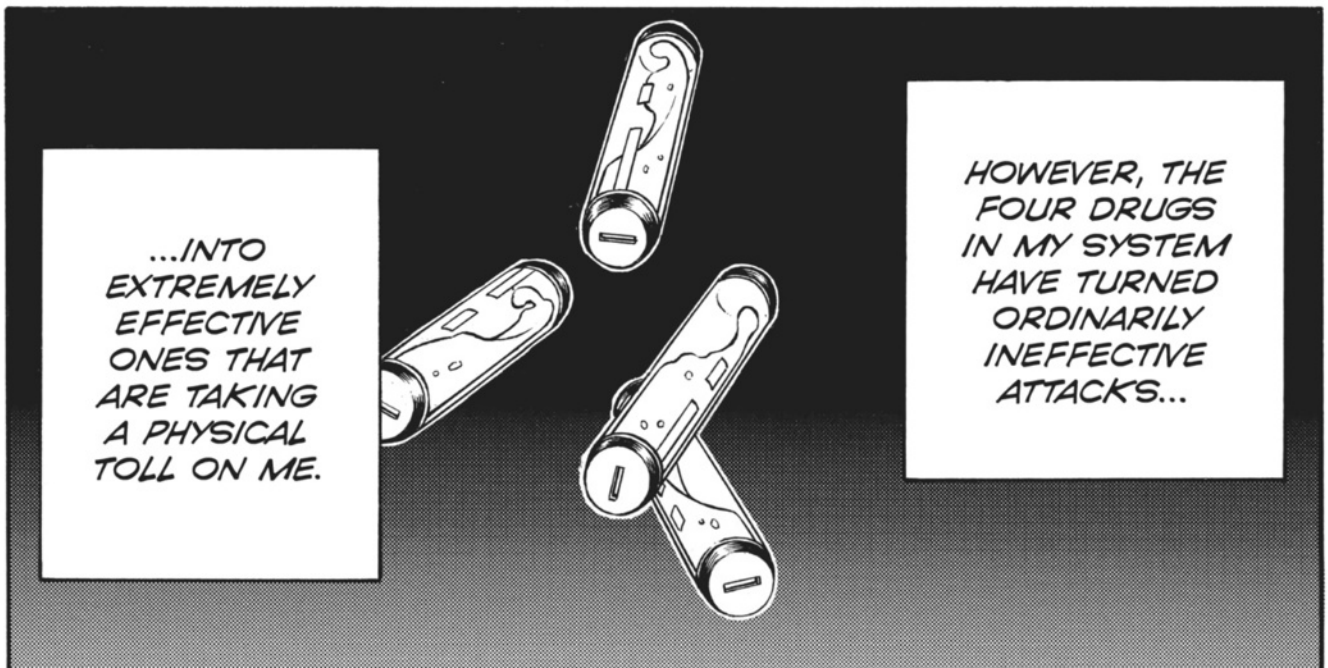
LIFE SHINING ACROSS THE YEARS

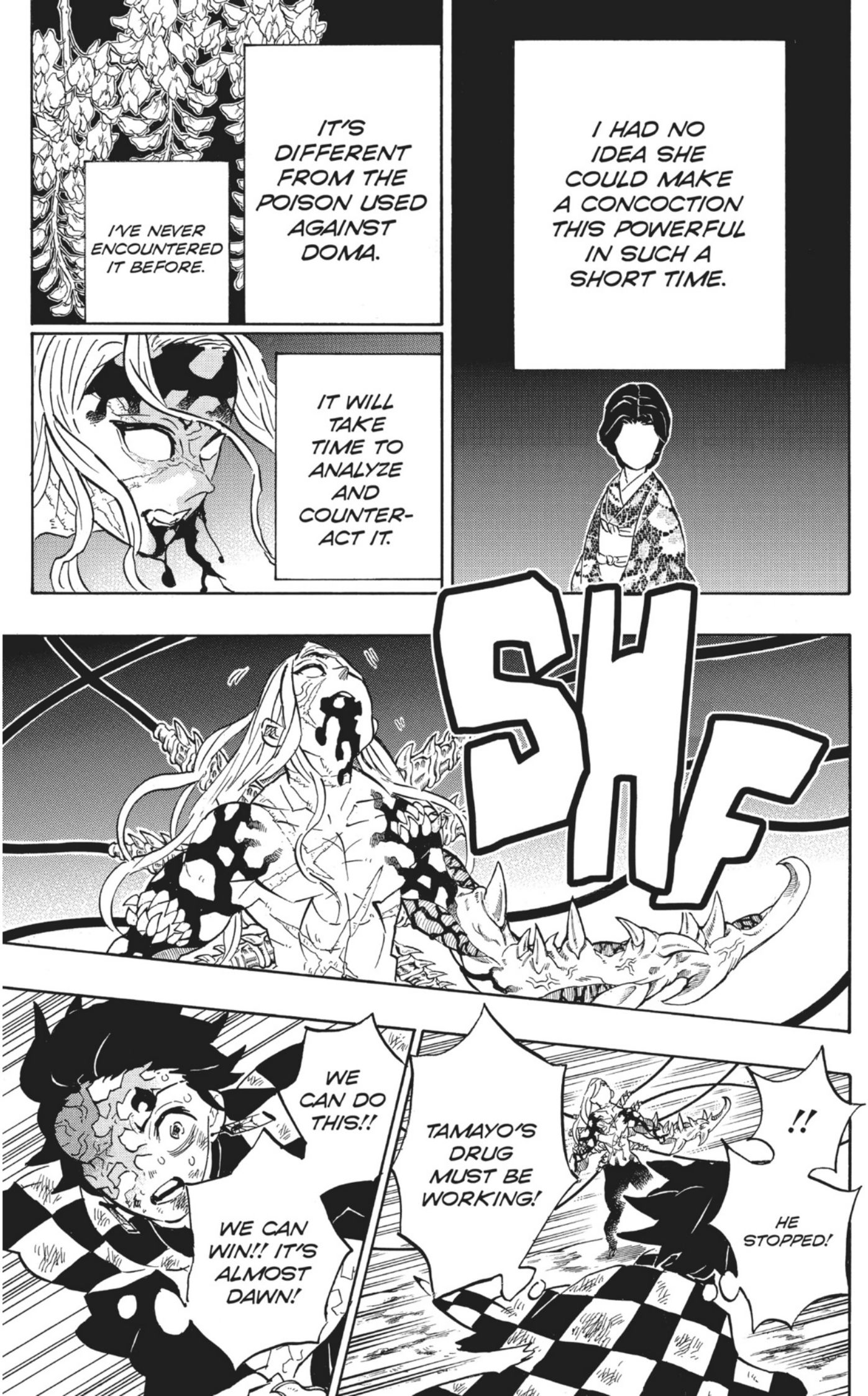
THERE IS NO NEED TO BE STRONGER THAN YOU TO KILL YOU.
WEAKENING YOU IS GOOD ENOUGH.
CHAPTER 197: TENACITY

...WE WILL DO ANYTHING TO KILL YOU.
JUST AS YOU WILL DO ANYTHING TO LIVE, I—NO...


MOST OF THE TIME ...
...THIS WORLD MEANS NOTHING TO ME.


ATTACKS AND DAMAGE FROM BRIGHT-RED BLADES SHOULDN'T WORK ON ME.
THE BRIGHT-RED BLADES OF THESE DEMON SLAYERS PALE IN COMPARISON TO HIS.
AND REGENERATING SHOULDN'T EXHAUST ME.

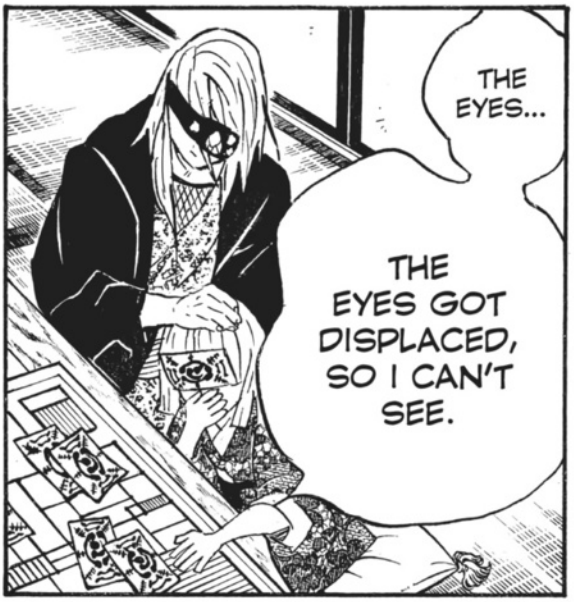

HOWEVER, THE FOUR DRUGS IN MY SYSTEM HAVE TURNED ORDINARILY INEFFECTIVE ATTACKS...
...INTO EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE ONES THAT ARE TAKING A PHYSICAL TOLL ON ME.

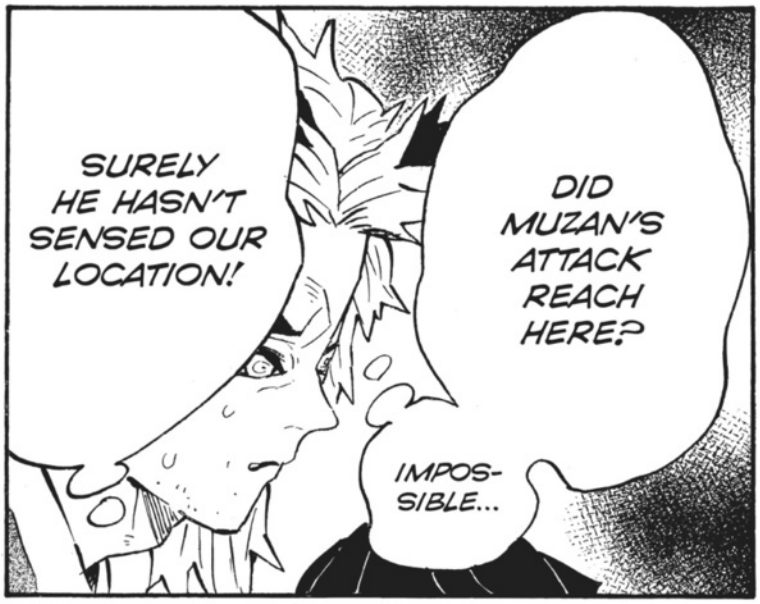

I'VE NEVER ENCOUNTERED IT BEFORE.
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE POISON USED AGAINST DOMA.
I HAD NO IDEA SHE COULD MAKE A CONCOCTION THIS POWERFUL IN SUCH A SHORT TIME.
IT WILL TAKE TIME TO ANALYZE AND COUNTER-ACT IT.
SHF
WE CAN DO THIS!!
WE CAN WIN!! IT'S ALMOST DAWN!
TAMAYO'S DRUG MUST BE WORKING!
!!
HE STOPPED!

BOOM

GAGH!
G...
G...
MUZAN...
MUZAN...
MU...
...A...
...WILL GET...
...A...
... AWAY!
I C...
...C...
...CAN'T...
MY BREATH!
I CAN'T...
...B-BREATHE!
MY BODY ...
IT'S...
WHAT...
THAT ATTACK...
...WAS THAT ?!
I CAN'T...
THAT ATTACK!
I CAN'T STOP !
...C-CONVULS-ING...
I'M...
SEI-ZURES!
THAT BLAST...
MASTER !!
DROP

ARE OBANAI AND TANJIRO ALL RIGHT?
I...
I'M FINE.
NEVER MIND ME.

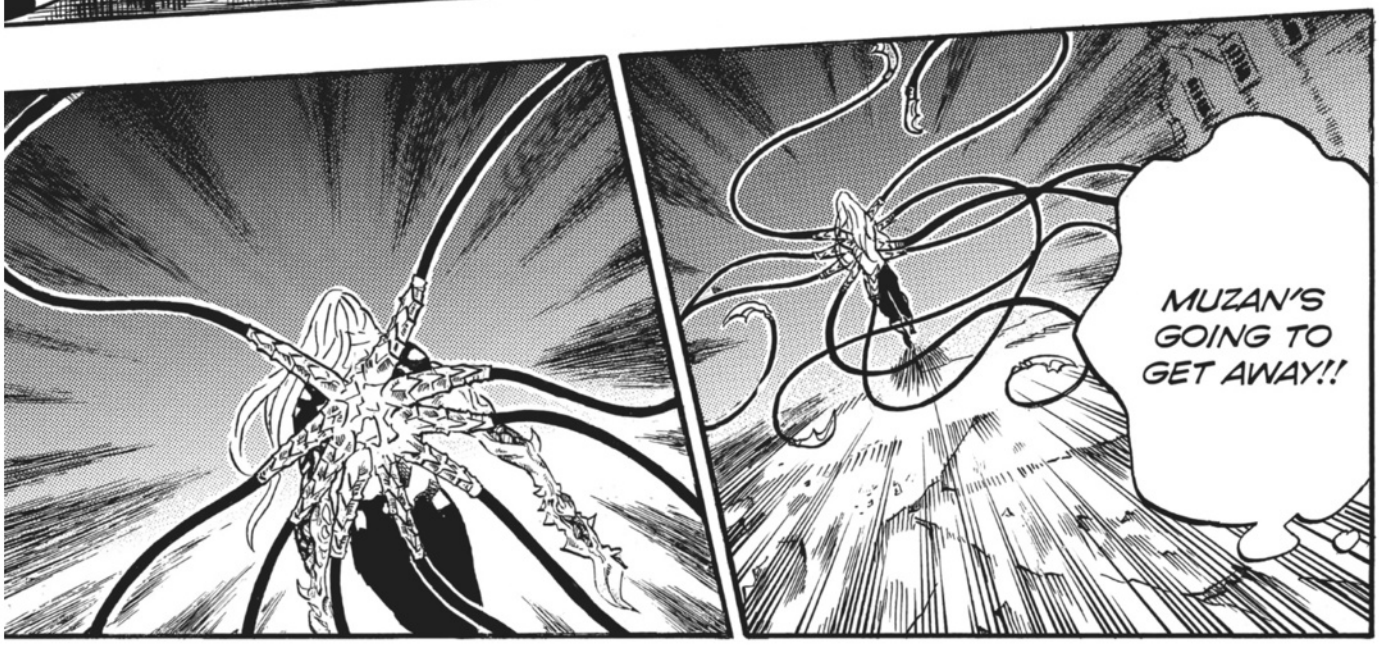

THE EYES...
THE EYES GOT DISPLACED, SO I CAN'T SEE.


DID MUZAN'S ATTACK REACH HERE?
SURELY HE HASN'T SENSED OUR LOCATION!
IMPOS-SIBLE...

DO NOT LET MUZAN ESCAPE.
PLEASE... SOMEONE STOP HIM...
IT...
...WON'T BE LONG NOW.

...25 MINUTES!
THE SUN WILL RISE...
...IN...

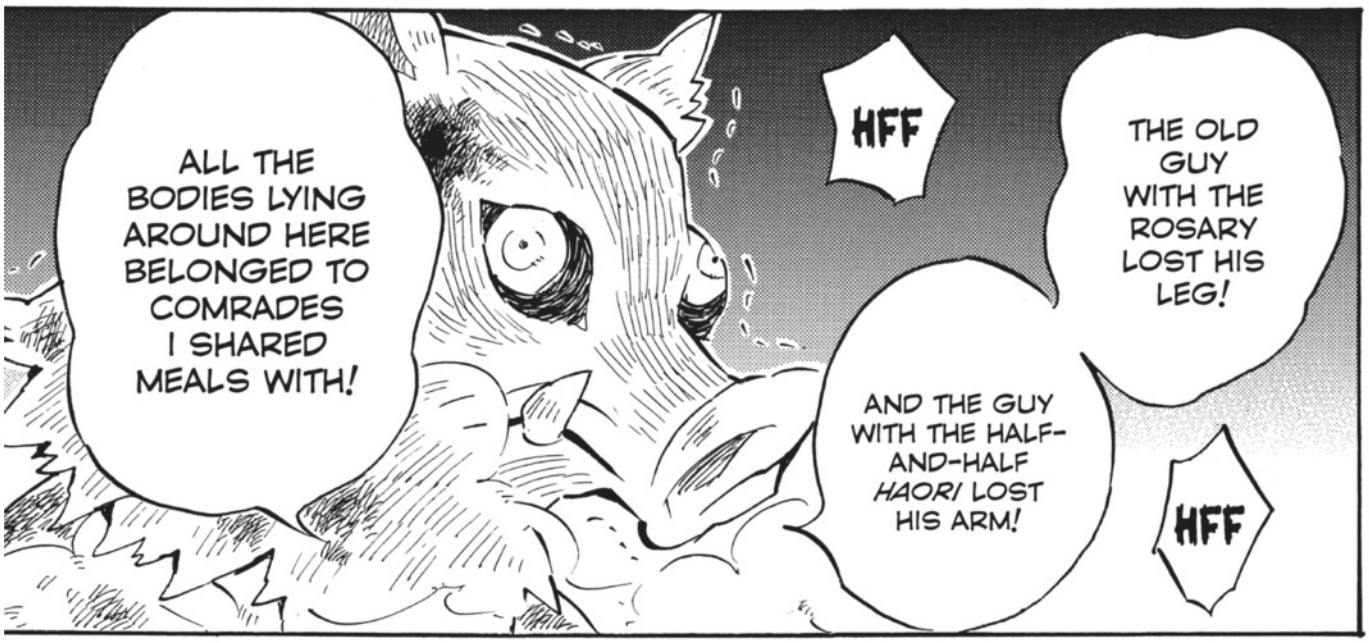
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
AAAGH! I CAN'T BREATHE!
W...
WHERE IS IGURO ?!
...CRUSH MY LUNGS ?!
DID THAT ATTACK...
GET UP...
YOU MUST STAND UP!


MUZAN'S GOING TO GET AWAY!!

BEAST BREATHING
FOURTH FANG:
SLICE 'N' DICE!!

...DONE IT NOW!
AND I WON'T STAND FOR IT!
HFF
HFF
YOU'VE REALLY...
HFF
HFF
WOO
HFF
MUZAN ...
...IS TOO DANGER-OUS!
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
INOSUKE ...
INOSUKE!

HFF
WEEZ
THEY PROTECTED US!
HFF
HFF
AM I TOO TIRED?
I CAN'T USE MY TECH-NIQUES...
HFF


ALL THE BODIES LYING AROUND HERE BELONGED TO COMRADES I SHARED MEALS WITH!
HFF
THE OLD GUY WITH THE ROSARY LOST HIS LEG!
AND THE GUY WITH THE HALF-AND-HALF *HAORI* LOST HIS ARM!
HFF

TRMBL
IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT...
TRMBL
GIVE THEM BACK!
THEIR LIVES! *EVERY-THING!*
THEIR LEGS AND ARMS!

...THEN YOU'LL PAY FOR IT WITH A MILLION DEATHS!

BAM
SMASH
I'M GOING TO DIE FIRST!!
BUT IT'S NO USE!
SHAKE
SHAKE
I HAVE TO HELP HIM!
OH NO!!
INOSUKE !!

BWOO
KOFF
HANG IN THERE, INOSUKE !!
TANJIRO IS STILL ALIVE! I CAN HEAR HIS HEART-BEAT!
WHA-BAM
WHAM

YOU CAN'T DIE!
CAN YOU HEAR ME? DON'T DIE!
TANJIRO! FOCUS ON STAYING ALIVE!
YOUR FAMILY IS WAITING...
...FOR YOU TWO TO RETURN!
AND YOU'RE GONNA GET HER OUT OF HERE!
NEZUKO'S GONNA BE HUMAN AGAIN!
AND GO BACK TO THE HOUSE WHERE YOU GREW UP!
WOWAH

WHAT
SH
KOFF

TRMBL TRMBL
...A NICHIRIN SWORD...
...JUST MIGHT...
...BE EFFECTIVE!
...THEN...
IF A BLOOD DEMON ART...
...IS ATTACKING MY NERVOUS SYSTEM...
GRRV
FASTER!
HURRY ...
GOTTA STAB MYSELF!
BUT I CAN'T HIT A MAJOR BLOOD VESSEL...
...OR A VITAL ORGAN!
SHAKE SHAKE
COME ON...
...LIFT IT UP!
SLASH

ZWEN
STOP THIS...
...SHAK-ING!
IS THIS GOING...
...TO WORK?
PLEASE ...
...STOP THIS ATTACK!
MY BODY IS AS HEAVY AS LEAD...
I CAN'T RAISE MY ARMS.
HFF
HFF
HFF
HFF
HFF
THAT ONE IS GETTING UP AGAIN...
HFF
HFF
HFF
HFF
THESE PESTS!

I CRUSH THEM, BUT THEY WON'T DIE!
THEY COME BACK AGAIN...
...AND AGAIN.
THEY GET UP OVER AND OVER...
...TO BUY TIME UNTIL DAWN...
UNTIL THE MOMENT THEY CAN TAKE MY LIFE!

Muzan is so invincible that only the sun can kill him. Here's the Demon Slayers' strategy for surviving until dawn:

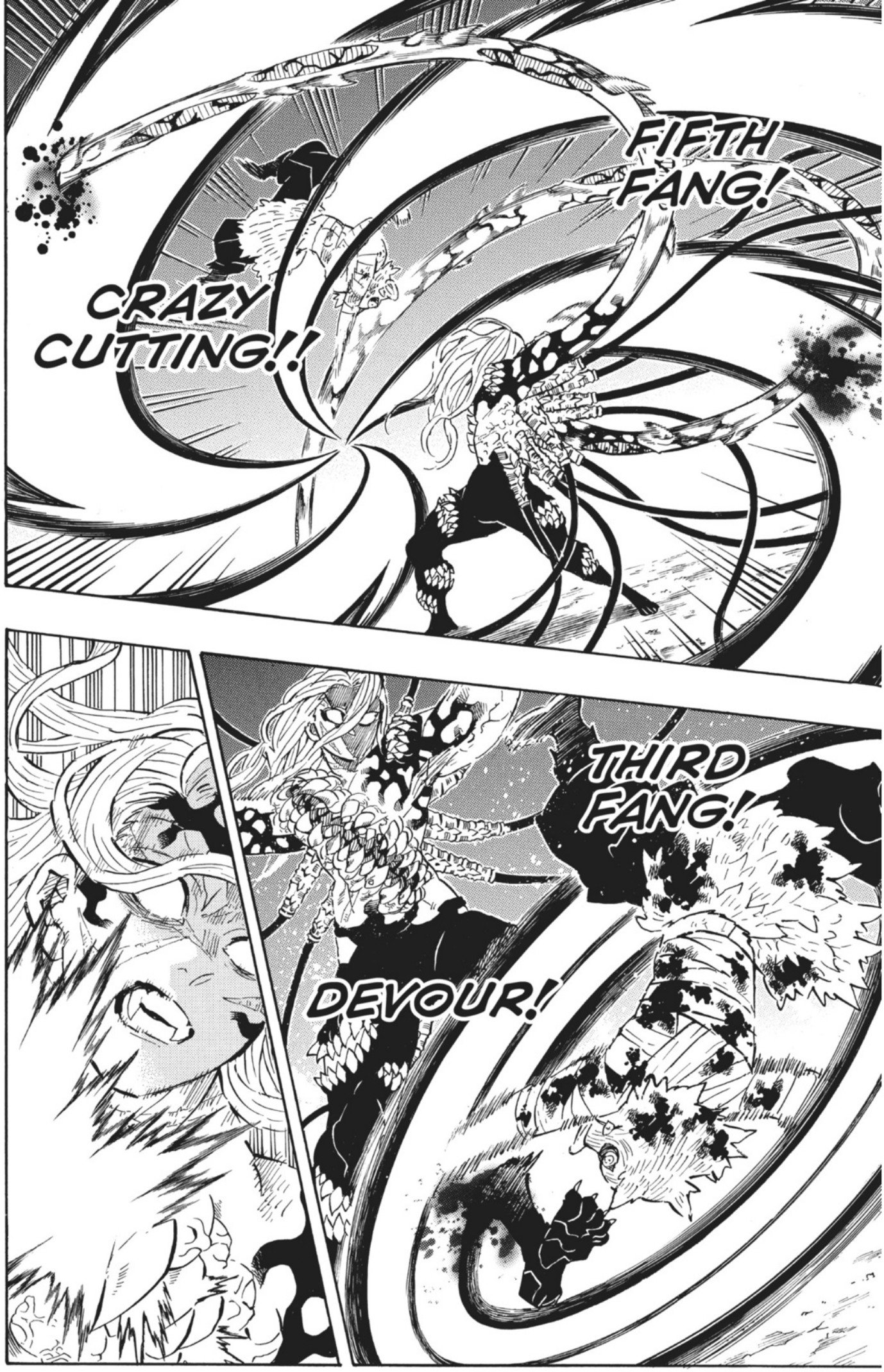
Kagaya Ubuyashi agitates Muzan, then launches a preemptive strike to create an opportunity for Tamayo to administer the poison.
↓
Tamayo's poison weakens Muzan.
↓
Muzan expends strength analyzing and counteracting the four active agents in the drug. The drug slows his movement, and the effectiveness of the attacks against him increases.
↓
The corps members hold Muzan somewhere where sunlight will strike, and they continue to attack with ferocity so he can't concentrate on counteracting the drug.

Regarding Nakime and her abilities, Kagaya Ubuyashiki analyzed the information obtained so far (the unnatural way demons appear) and determined that Yushiro was the most suited to combating her.

CHAPTER 198:
THE NEXT THING WE KNEW...

BEAST BREATHING
FOURTH FANG!
SLICE 'N' DICE!!
THUNDER-CLAP AND FLASH!
GOD-SPEED!
I'M WEAKEN-ING...
...AND ONE OF MY LEGS IS FAILING!!
MY NEXT ATTACK WILL BE MY LAST AT FULL STRENGTH!

SEVENTH FORM:
HONO-IKAZUCHI-NO-KAMI!
THE CUT WAS TOO SHALLOW! ONLY A BRIGHT-RED BLADE CAN DO ENOUGH DAMAGE!!
ARGH!


FIFTH FANG!
CRAZY CUTTING!!
THIRD FANG!
DEVOUR!

BIP
BAM
OH NO! I'LL NEVER REACH THEM IN TIME!
INOSUKE !!

BURNING BONES, SUMMER SUN!
SUN BREATHING
RAGING SUN!
FIRE WHEEL!

BENEFICENT RADIANCE!
AND HIS ARM AND TENTACLE ATTACKS ARE SLOWING!
HE NEEDS TIME TO GENERATE THEM!
MUZAN CAN'T RELEASE...
... CONSECUTIVE SHOCK WAVE ATTACKS ANYMORE!
...HEAD DANCE!
DRAGON SUN HALO...

SALUT
SOLAR...
UH-
OH...
SIXTH
FANG!
PALISADE
BITE!

SUN BREATHING
DANCE!
CLEAR BLUE SKY!
FAKE RAINBOW!
ANY ATTACK IS ENOUGH! JUST DO IT AND WEAR HIM DOWN!
COME ON... MOVE!
HFF!
GOTTA KEEP ATTACKING OR HE'LL GET AWAY!
HFF!
HFF!
GOTTA STAND UP— NOW!!

GIVE ME THE KICK I NEED!!!
I'M BEGGING YOU!!
GRAMPS...
I'M...
THUNDERCLAP...
...AND FLASH!!
SUN BREATHING
BEAST BREATHING
THUD
I'M TOO SLOW!!
URRRGH...!!

DANCE!
CRAZY CUTTING!
INOSUKE!!
STAY ON THE ATTACK!
DON'T STOP
THWAK

SETTING SUN TRANS-FORMATION!
DRAGON SUN...
UNGH!!
SHUNK
GOD-SPEED!
THUNDER-CLAP AND FLASH!

WHAM
DRAGON SUN HALO HEAD DANCE!
SUN BREATHING
RAGING SUN!!!

SUNFLOWER THRUST!!!
THUNK
BUT WE NEED TO PIN HIM HERE! AND EVERY SECOND COUNTS!!
I CAN'T USE ANY MORE TECHNIQUES!
FLOOK
FLOOK

KRAK
THAT'S ENOUGH!

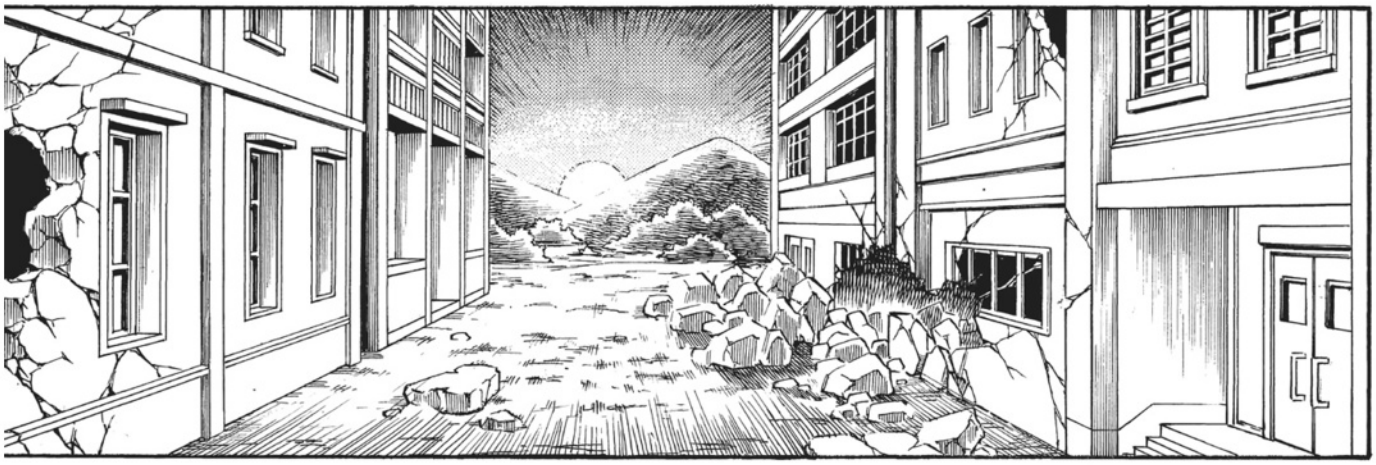
YOU IDIOT!!
KANROJI !!

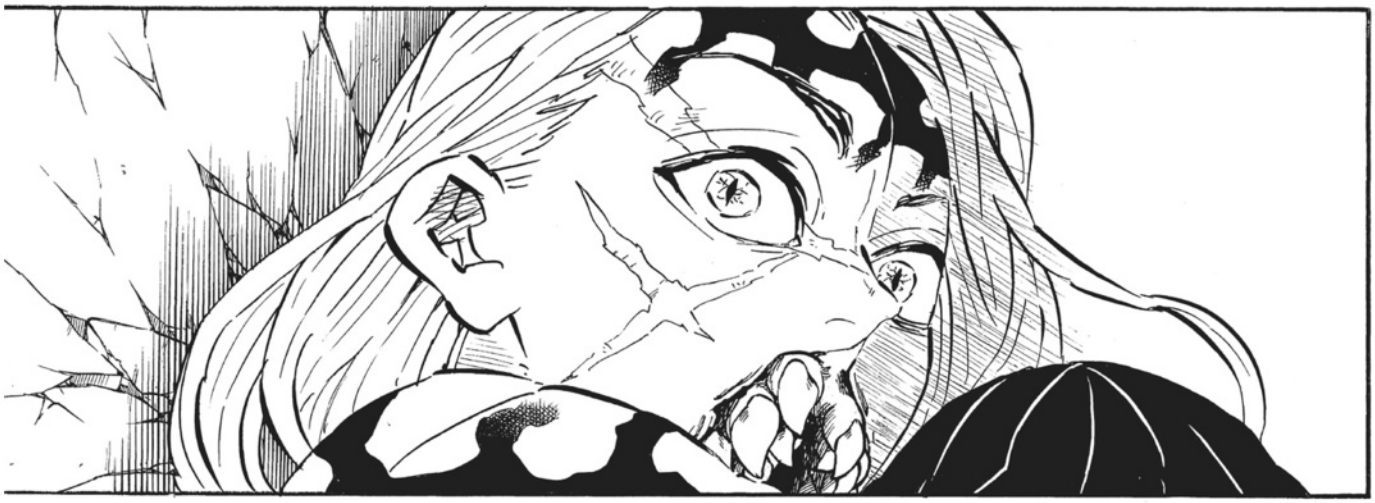
PRIMARY GALE SLASH!!
WIND BREATHING EIGHTH FORM:
WHOO
SHINA-ZUGAWA...
SHOOT

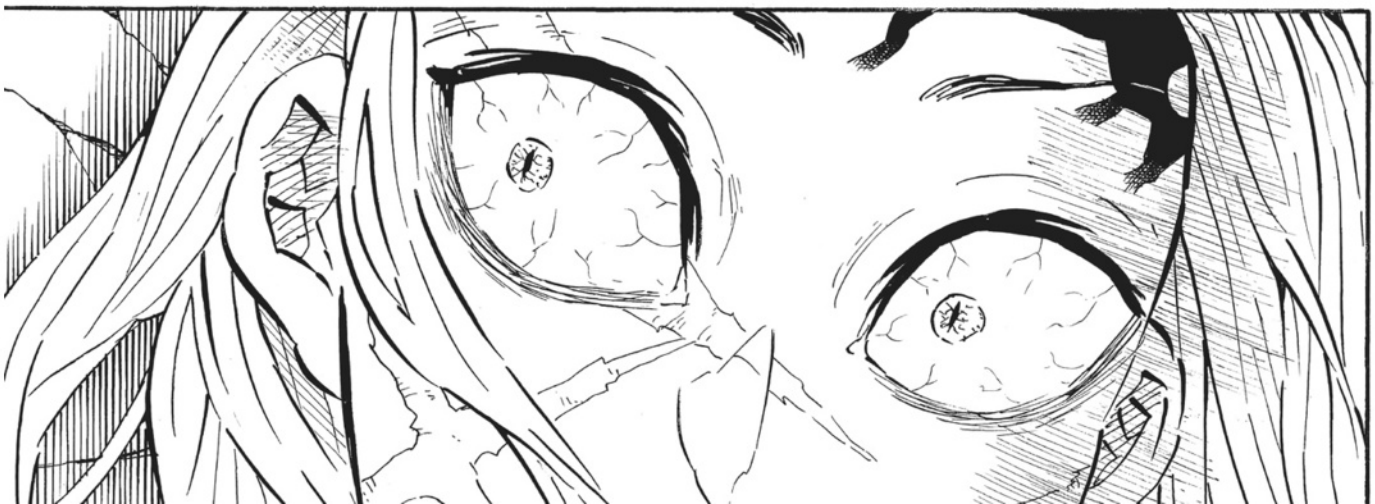
CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
CAN'T FALL BACK! STAND FIRM!!

IGURO...
SO HANG IN THERE!!
DAWN IS BREAKING !!

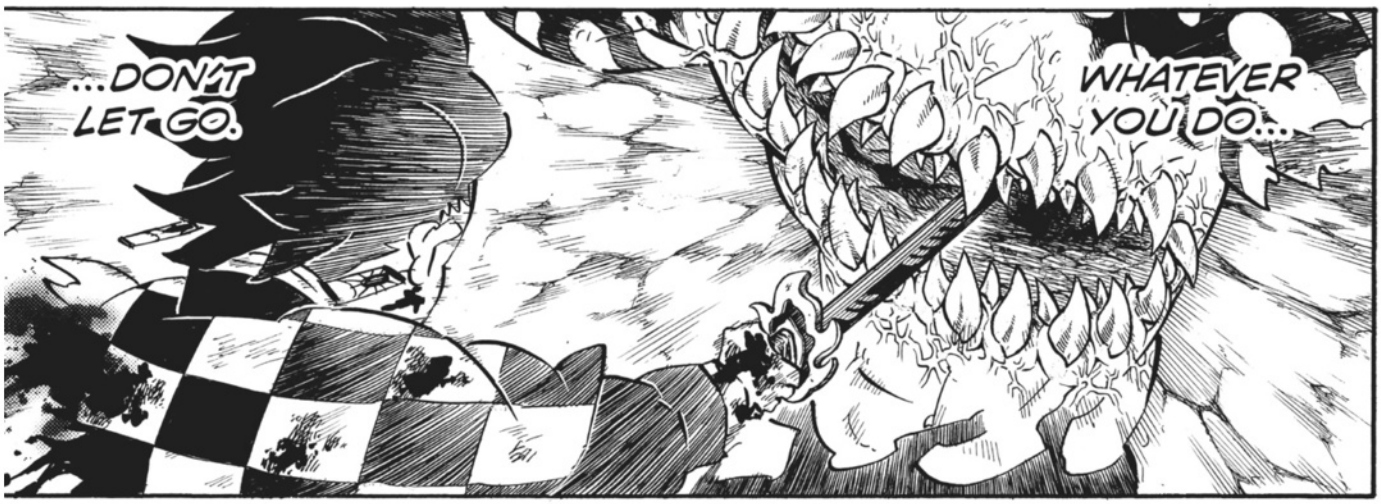
CHAPTER 199: MILLENNIAL DAWN







GIYU!!
FLASH


...DON'T LET GO.
WHATEVER YOU DO...

PLEASE!
KEEP YOUR HEART BURNING!
TURN RED!
MAKE YOUR BLADE...
...TURN RED.

KO OF
NOZ
I'LL GET UNDER THE RUBBLE... NO...
IF I SHRINK MY BODY, I'LL BURN UP IN AN INSTANT.
BUT WITH FLESH AS MY ARMOR...
...I CAN PROTECT MYSELF!

WHA?
HE GOT BIGGER!

TANJIRO!
GWAA

NEXT !!
GO!!
WHUP
BWM
WATCH OUT!! FALL BACK!!
VRRRRR
DIEEE !!

DROP IT NOW!!
DON'T LET HIM GET INTO THE SHADE!!
HRNNNGH !!
BOOM
GWAAAH
WE GOT HIM!

BASH
GAAAH!
NOW! PUSH!! BLOCK HIS WAY!!
GRAAAH !!

PUSH, PUSH, PUSH, PUUUUUSH!!
GWAAH
THE HASHIRA CAN'T FIGHT ANY-MORE!!
STAND FIRM, NO MATTER WHAT!!
NO! FALL BACK TO STAY ALIVE!!
I'LL THINK OF ANOTHER PLAN!!
HOLD FAST! KEEP PUSHING !!
WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER! SO DON'T BE AFRAID !!

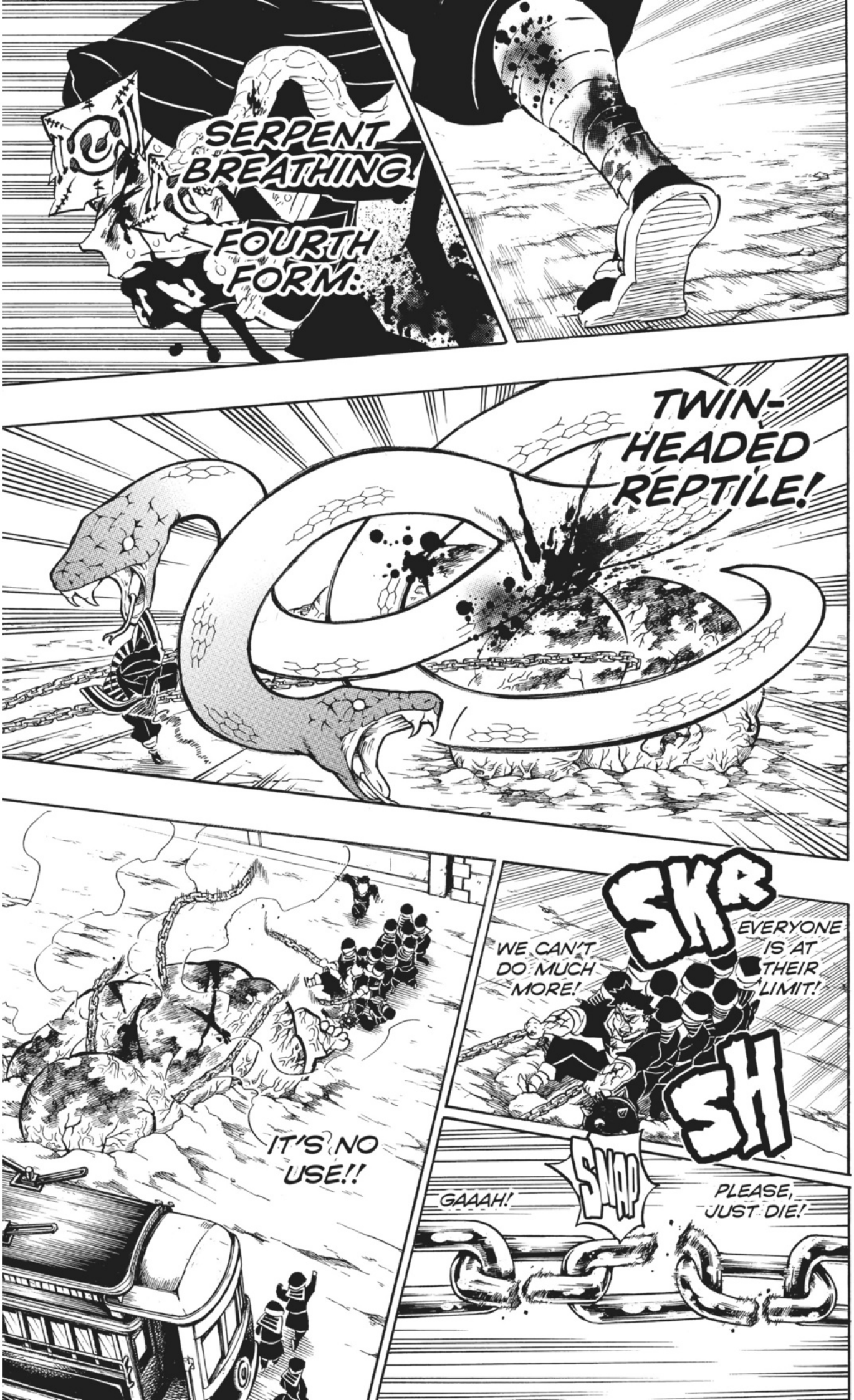
WIND BREATHING
NINTH FORM:
IDATEN TYPHOON!
KOFF
THUD
KOFF
HURRY UP AND DIE, YOU FILTH!
WHAT A TOUGH BASTARD!
UH-OH! HE'S CLIMBING OVER!!
OH N-NO!! W-WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!

GRAAAAAH!!

FWOOM
GAAA
BURN, DAMN YOU!
COME ON! DISINTE-GRATE!
SISTER...
GOD...
PLEASE, FATHER...
MOTHER ...

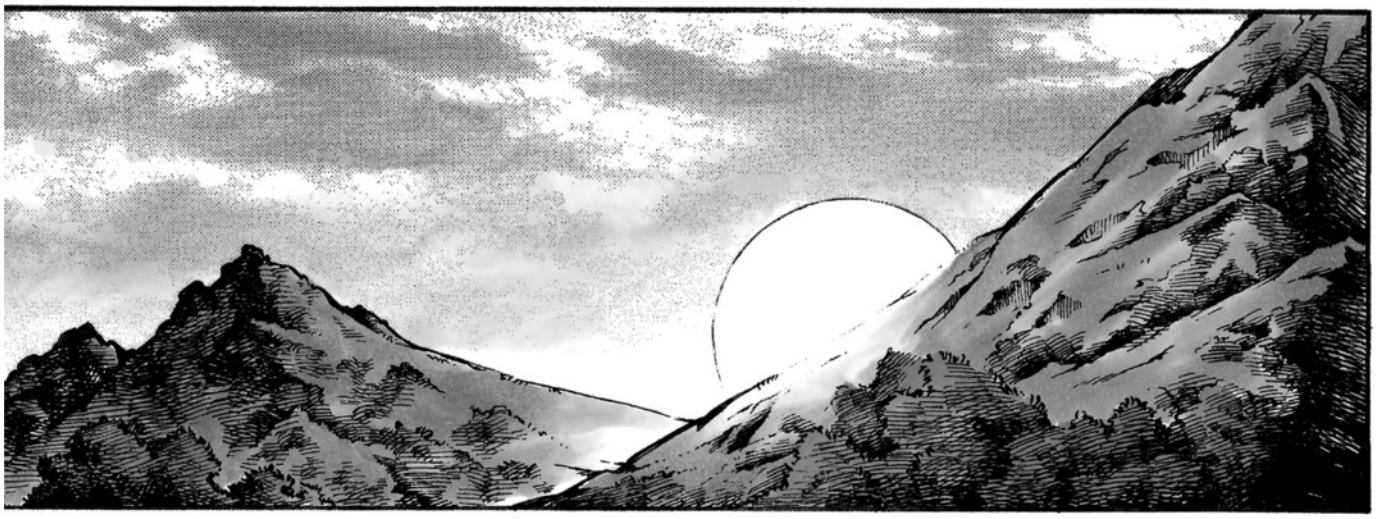
SZNN
NN
GRRRRH
THE GROUND !!
HRNGH
...
ATTACK AND WHITTLE AWAY MUZAN'S STRENGTH!!
HE'S TRYING TO DIG UNDER-GROUND!

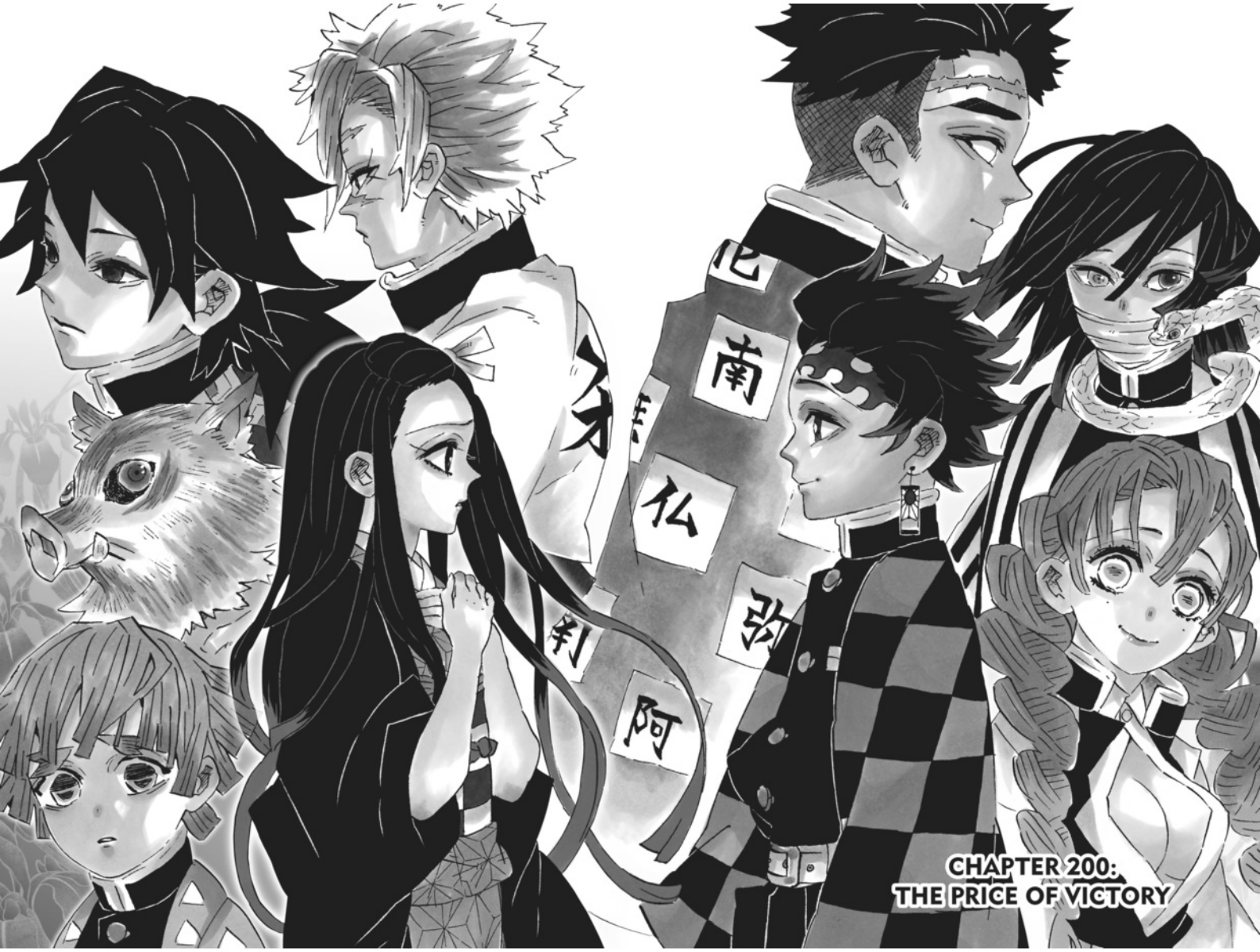
WATER BREATHING
TENTH FORM:
CONSTANT FLUX!
A ONE-HANDED STRIKE CUTS TOO SHALLOW!
WIND BREATHING
FIFTH FORM:
COLD MOUNTAIN WIND!


SERPENT BREATHING FOURTH FORM:
TWIN-HEADED REPTILE!
IT'S NO USE!!
WE CAN'T DO MUCH MORE!
SKR SH
EVERYONE IS AT THEIR LIMIT!
GAAAH!
SNAP
PLEASE, JUST DIE!

SPLORT
AAA...
...III...
...EEE!

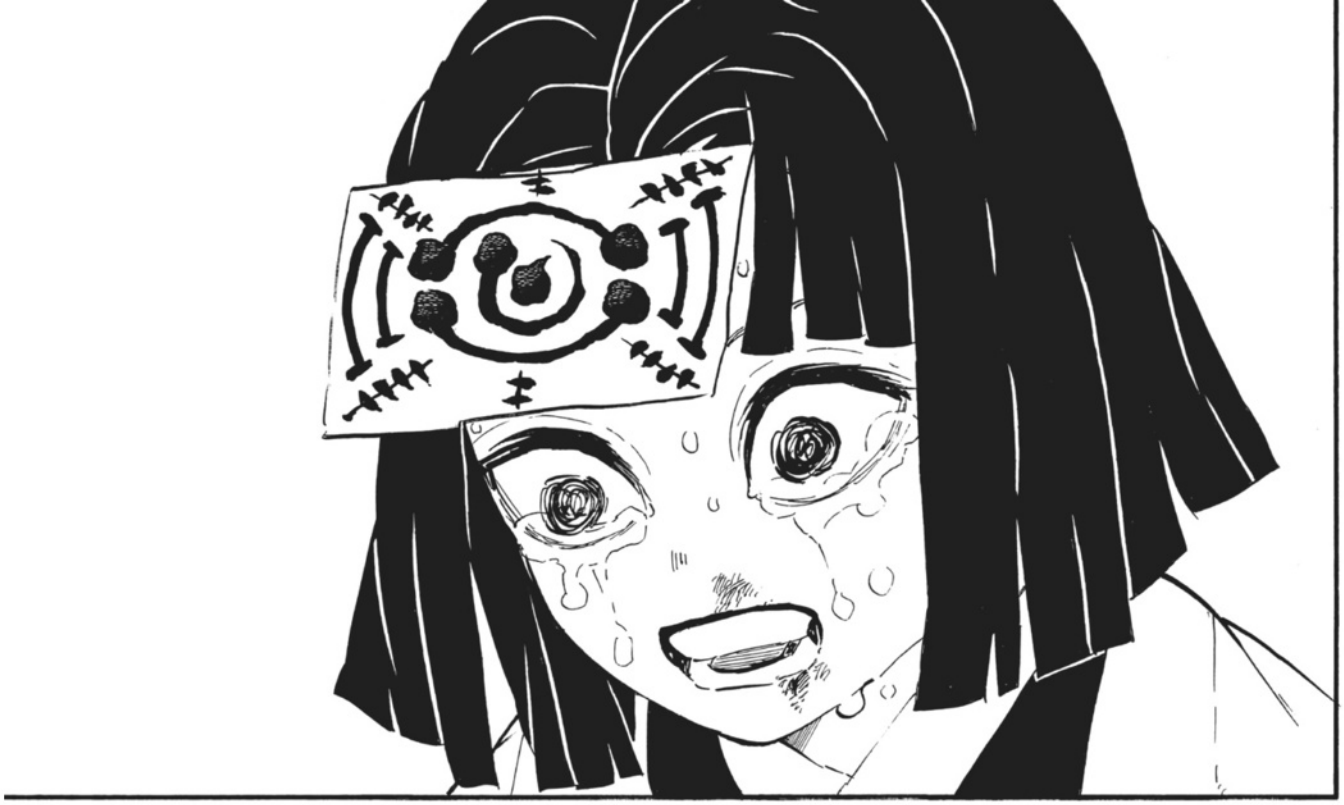
CHAPTER 200: THE PRICE OF VICTORY

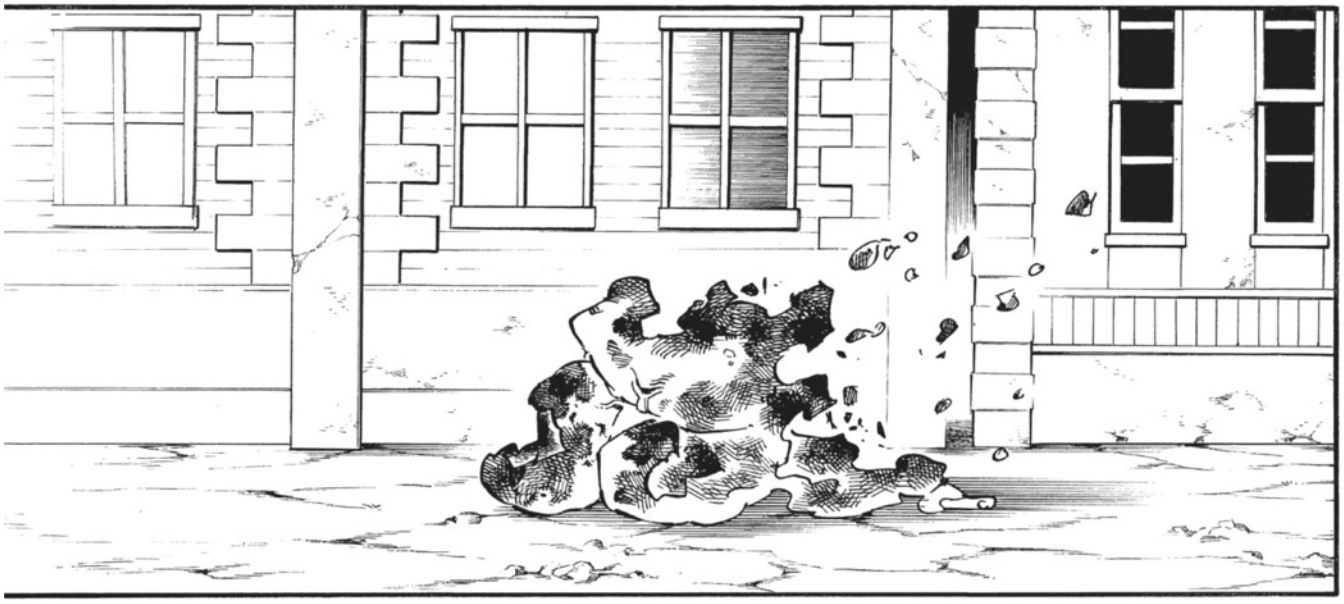


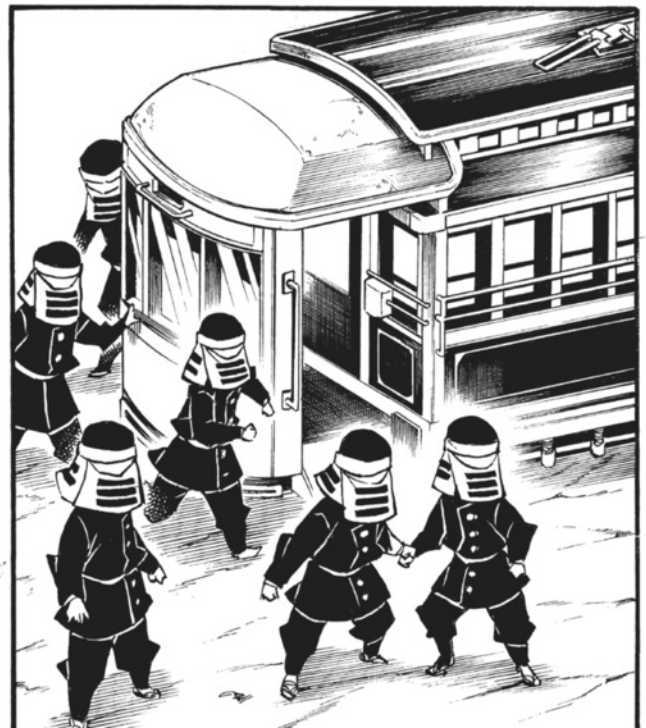


CHAPTER 200: THE PRICE OF VICTORY

WAAA
AAAA





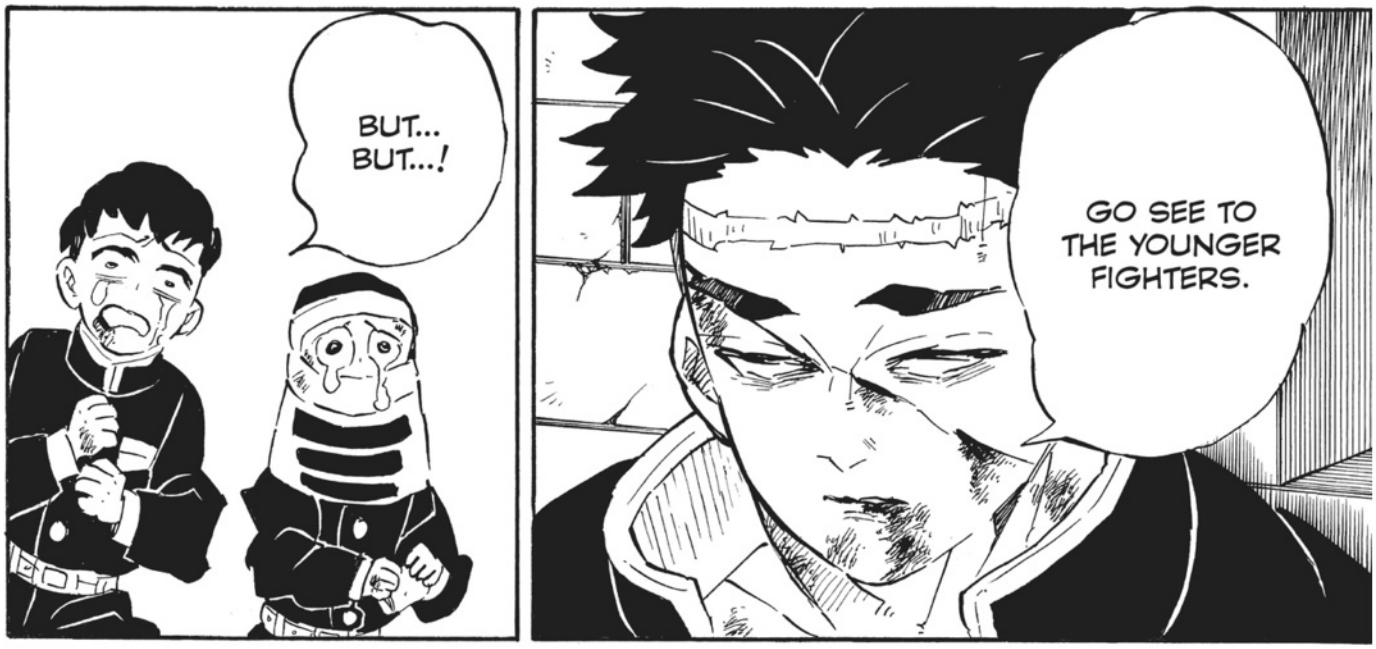


WE WON!! WE DEFEATED MUZAN!!
MUZAN IS DEAD!!
AAAAAH!

TEND TO THE INJURED...
MASTER!

SHIFT TO EMERGENCY AID!
WE AREN'T DONE YET!!
STOP BLUBBERING AND PULL YOURSELVES TOGETHER!
GO TREAT THE WOUNDED!

IT'S TOO LATE FOR ME. YOU WOULD ONLY BE THROWING AWAY PRECIOUS SUPPLIES.
NO...
DON'T WASTE MEDICATION ON ME.
B...
BUT HIMEJIMA!

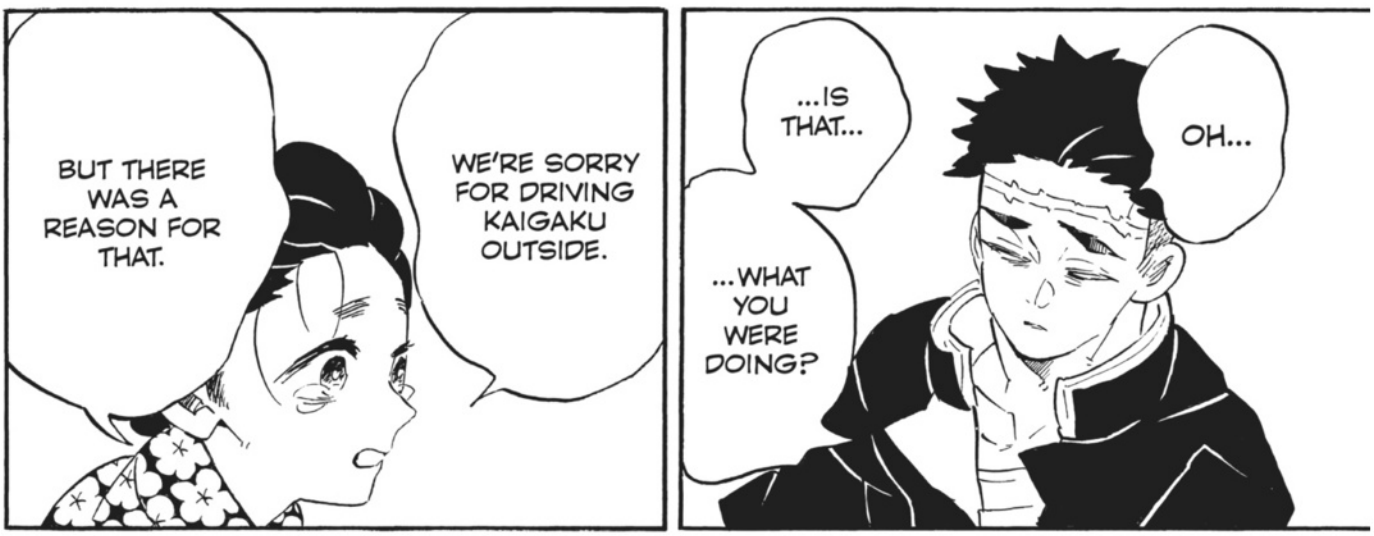

BUT... BUT...!
GO SEE TO THE YOUNGER FIGHTERS.

...
IT'S YOU, HUH?
OH...
PLEASE...
THIS IS MY LAST REQUEST.

SENSEI...

BUT WE WEREN'T TRYING TO RUN AWAY.
WE KNOW WE HURT YOU.
WE'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO APOLOGIZE FOR THAT DAY.

AND I WANTED TO GO CALL FOR HELP.
I WANTED TO GO OUTSIDE TO FIND A FARMING TOOL TO USE AS A WEAPON.
WE WANTED TO PROTECT YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE BLIND.


WE'RE SORRY FOR DRIVING KAIGAKU OUTSIDE.
BUT THERE WAS A REASON FOR THAT.
OH...
...IS THAT...
...WHAT YOU WERE DOING?

WE'RE TRULY SORRY.
IF WE HAD LIVED TO SEE THE MORNING...
...WE WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU.

I AM SORRY TOO...
...THAT I COULDN'T PROTECT YOU.

YES. IF ONLY..

...TOMOR-ROW HAD COME.

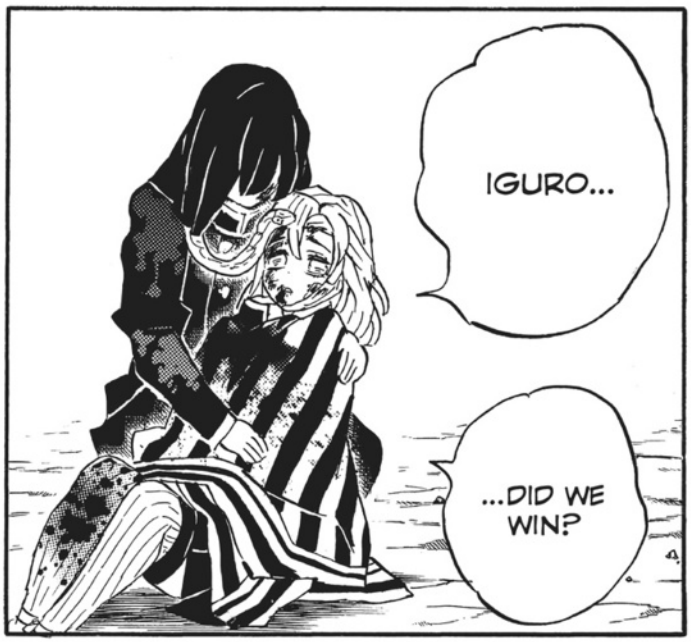
OH... THANK YOU...
THEN LET US ALL... GO TO-GETHER...
WE ALL LOVE YOU!
NO, DON'T APOLOGIZE.
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU THIS WHOLE TIME!

LET'S GO...

HIMEJIMA...
AGH...
GAH...

KABURAMARU
...
HM?

OH.
GOOD...
YES, WE
WON.
MUZAN IS
DEAD.


IGURO...
...DID WE
WIN?

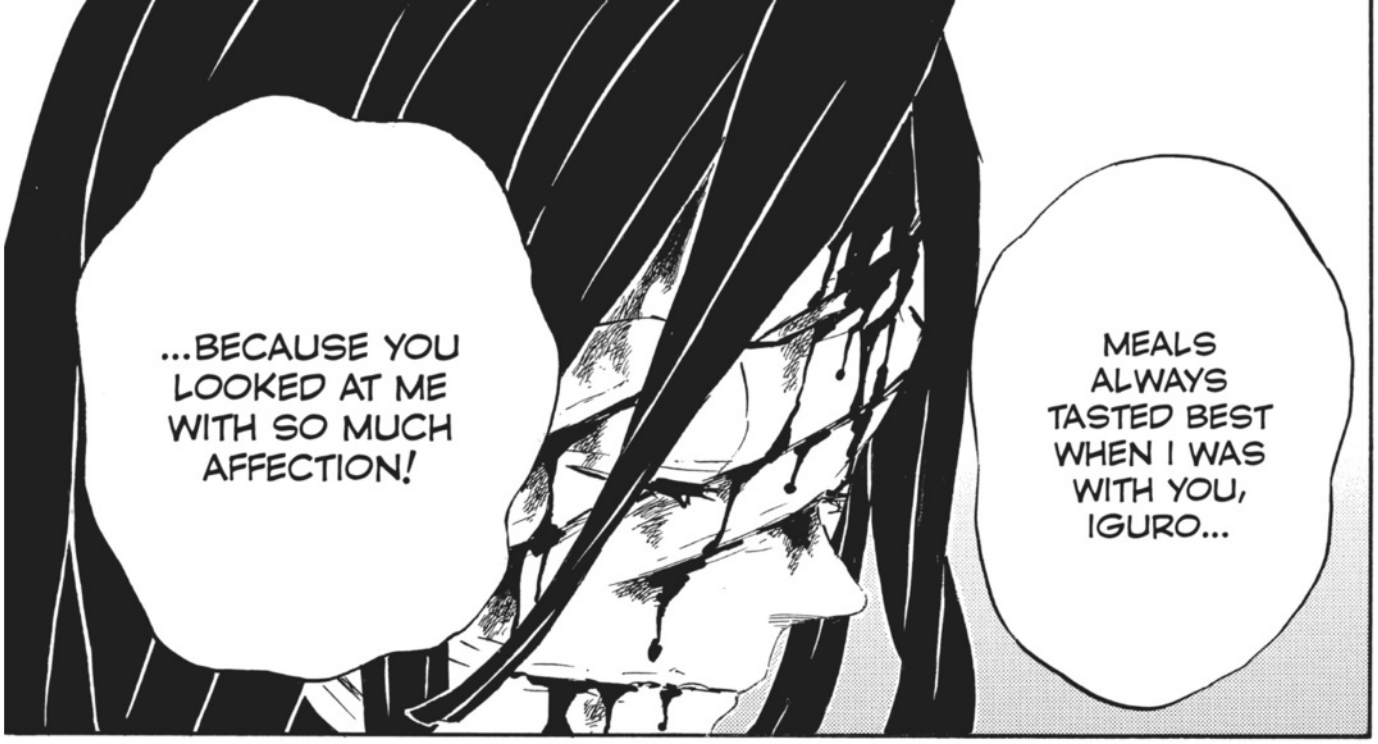
NO, DON'T
DIE YET...
I'M SORRY.
I WASN'T
MUCH USE
IN THE
FIGHT.

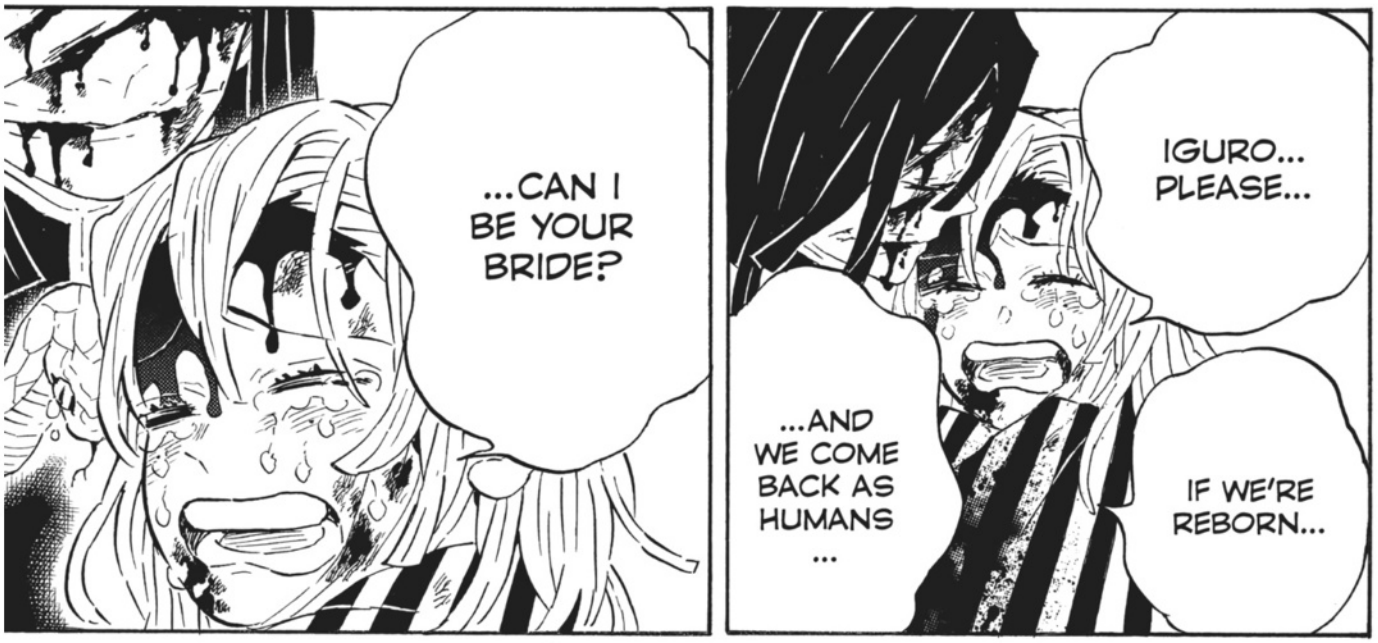
I'LL
PROBABLY DIE
SOON TOO.
YOU AREN'T
ALONE.

I DON'T FEEL
ANY PAIN,
SO...I GUESS
I'M DYING.

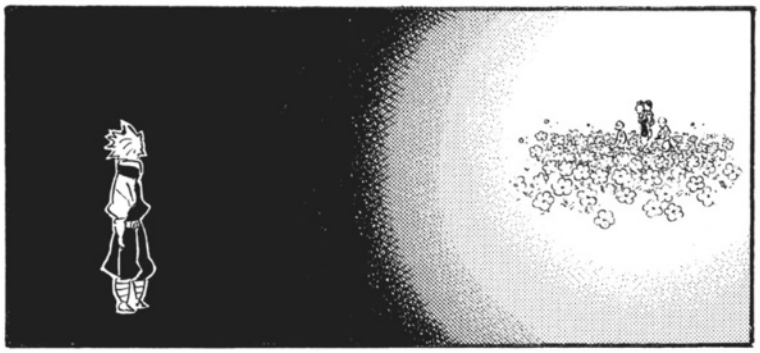
NO, THAT ISN'T TRUE.
PLEASE. DON'T SAY THAT.
DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST DAY WE MET?
YES.
I WAS LOST AT THE MANSION AND YOU HELPED ME.
NO, IT'S...
...THE OTHER WAY AROUND.
YOU WERE SUCH A NORMAL GIRL WHEN WE MET...
...THAT YOU SAVED ME.
Wah! Wah! Help! I'm lost!
YOU GOT EXCITED OVER THE SMALLEST THINGS, AND YOUR LAUGHTER WAS LIKE BELLS RINGING.
YOU MUST HAVE STRUGGLED ON YOUR WAY TO BECOMING A HASHIRA...
...BUT YOU NEVER GAVE ANY INDICATION OF IT.

I'M SURE THE OTHERS FELT THE SAME WAY.
I ENJOYED TALKING TO YOU...
...AND WAS HAPPY TO FEEL LIKE A NORMAL BOY.
...LET ANYONE SAY OTHERWISE.
I WOULD NEVER...
HIC!
YOUR BOTTOMLESS CHEERFUL-NESS AND KINDNESS...
...HAVE SAVED MANY PEOPLE, SO YOU SHOULD BE PROUD.
I...CARE ABOUT YOU SO MUCH, IGURO!
WAAAH! I'M SO HAPPY...


MEALS ALWAYS TASTED BEST WHEN I WAS WITH YOU, IGURO...
...BECAUSE YOU LOOKED AT ME WITH SO MUCH AFFECTION!


IF WE'RE REBORN...
IGURO... PLEASE...
...AND WE COME BACK AS HUMANS ...
...CAN I BE YOUR BRIDE?

YES, OF COURSE ...
...IF YOU WILL AGREE TO HAVE ME.
AND THIS TIME I WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY...
...AND PROTECT YOU SO YOU DON'T DIE.

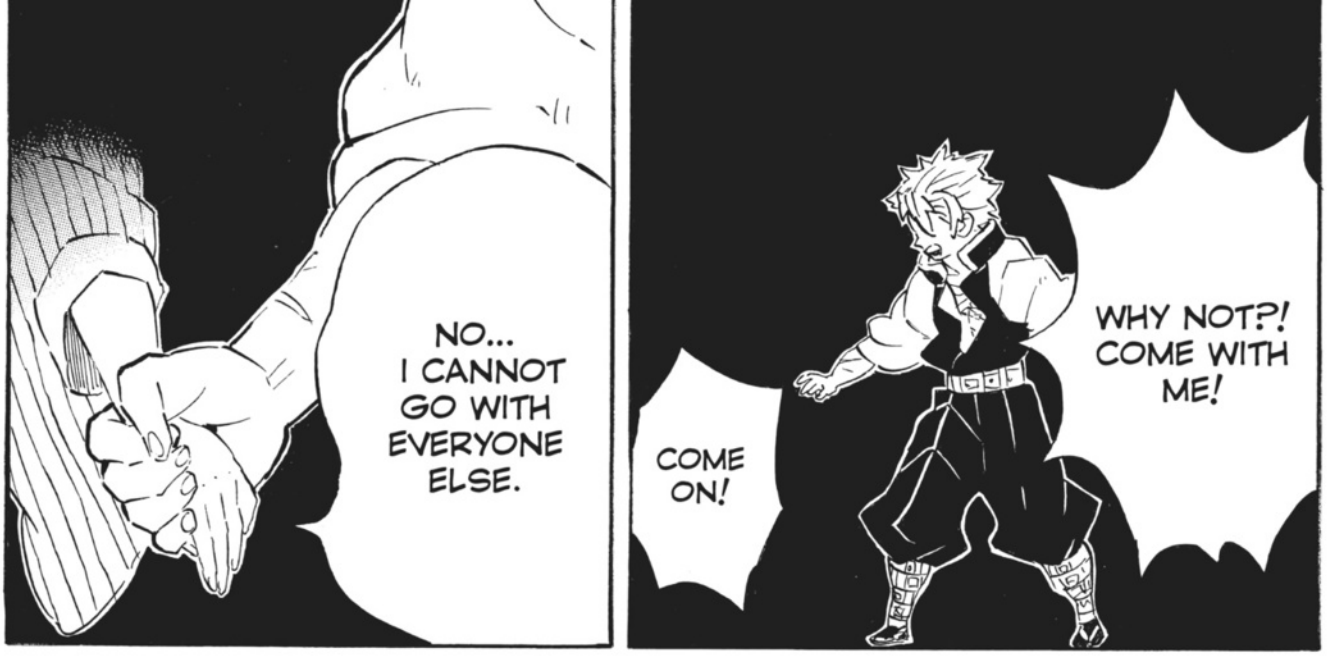


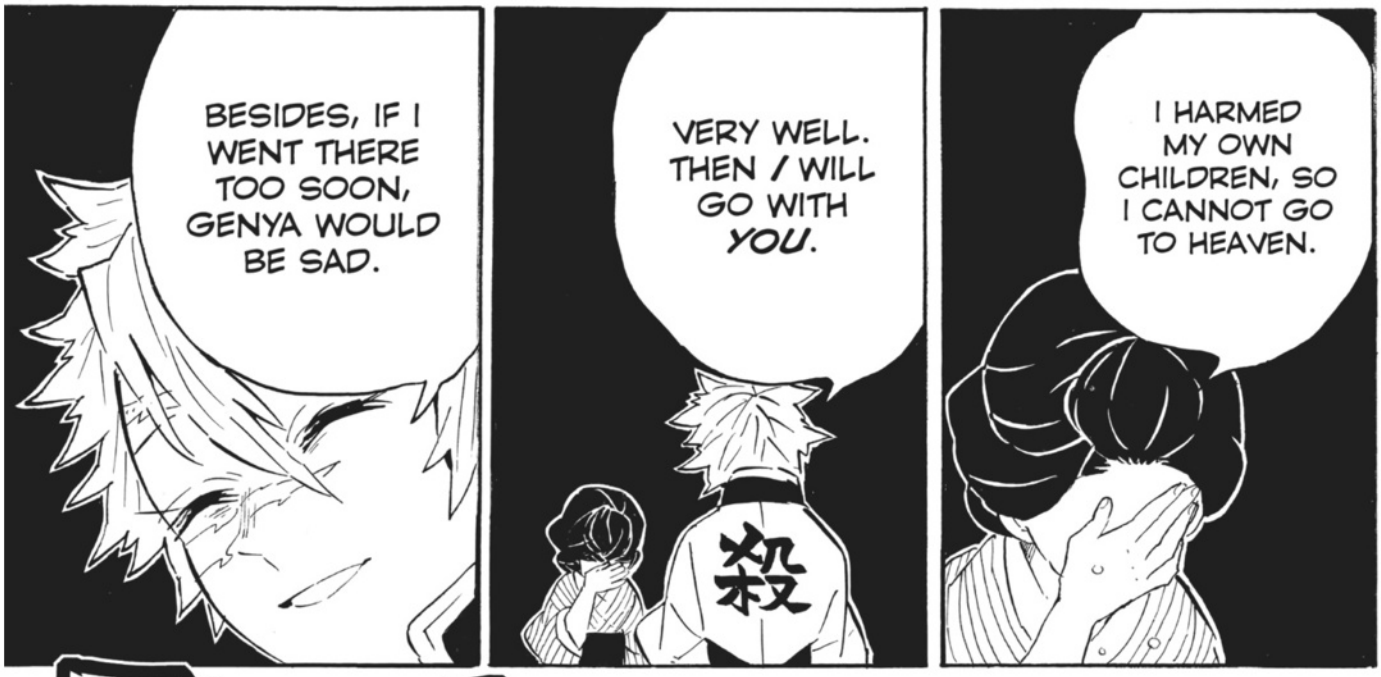
GENYA...
...EVERYONE IS OVER THERE.

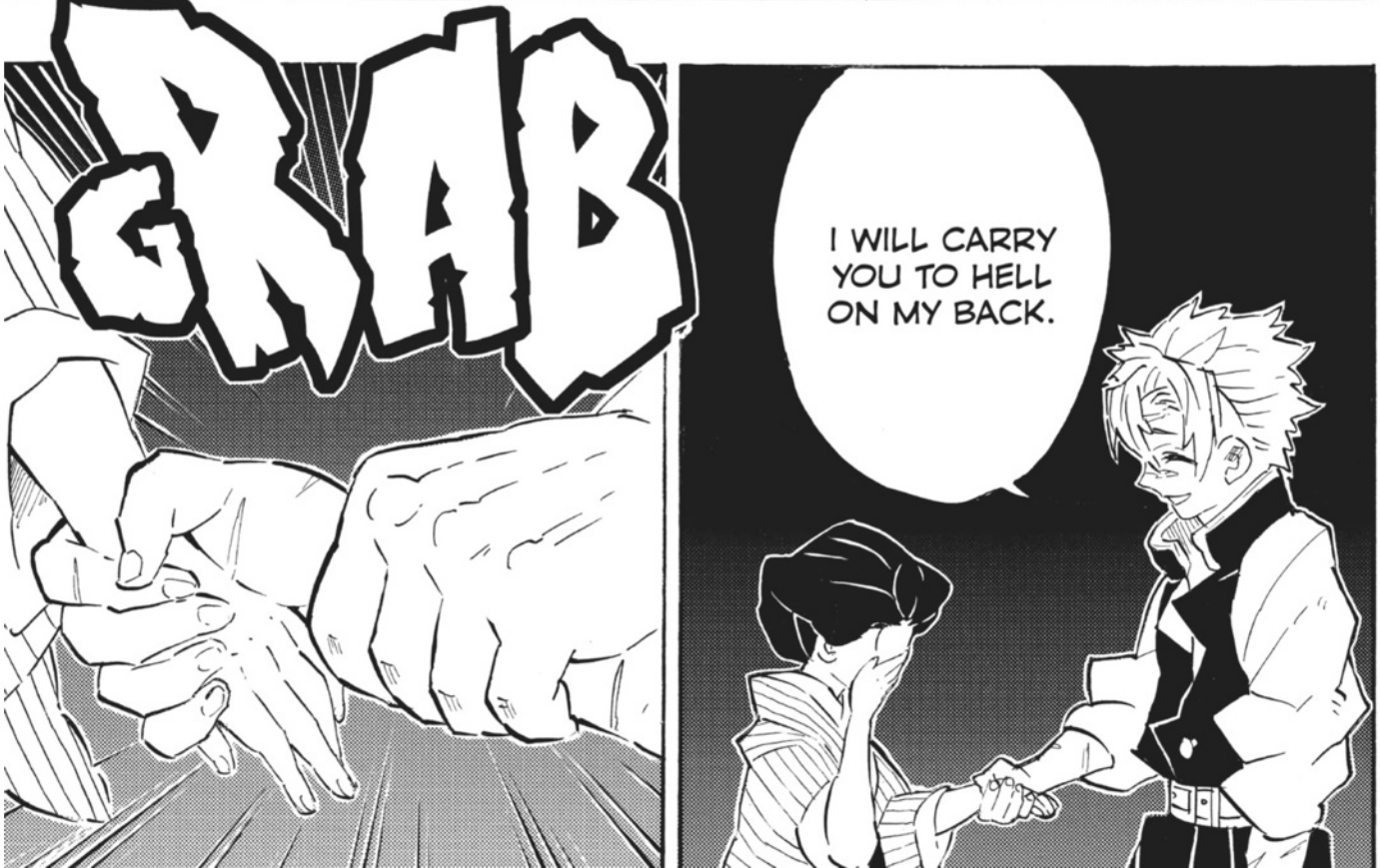
MOTHER ?
WHY DON'T YOU GO THERE TOO?

NO...
I CANNOT GO THERE.

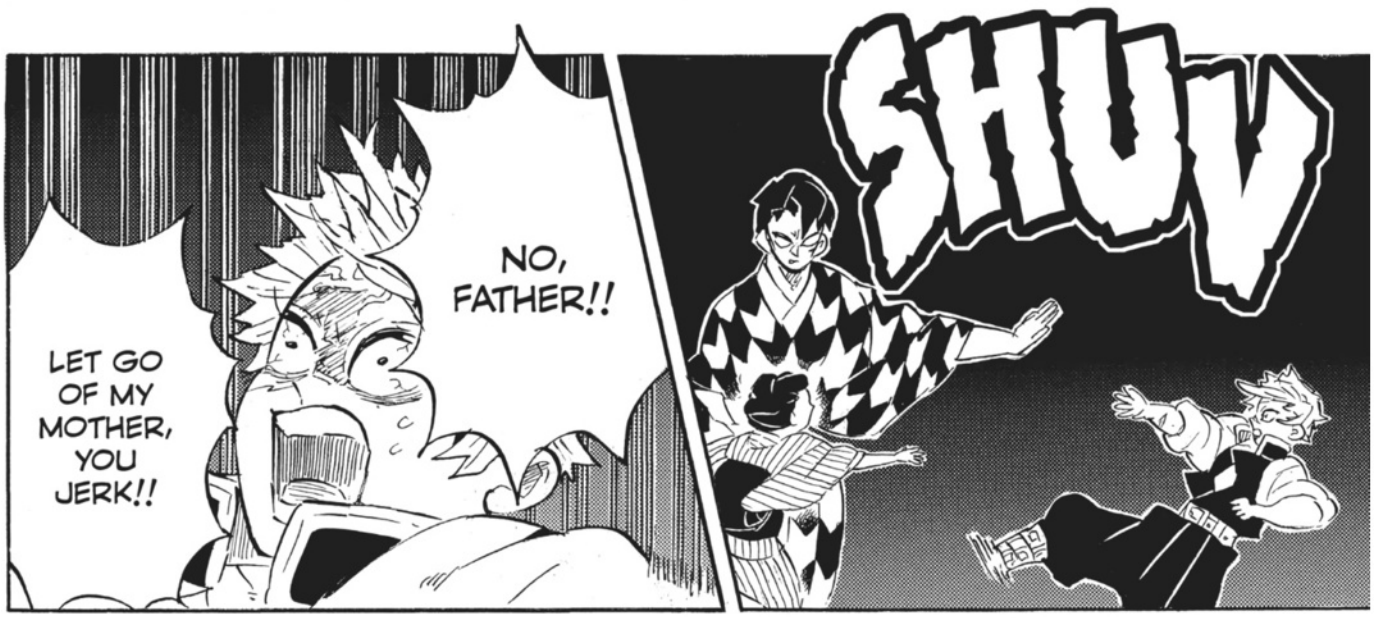
MOTHER! YOU'RE HERE, AREN'T YOU?

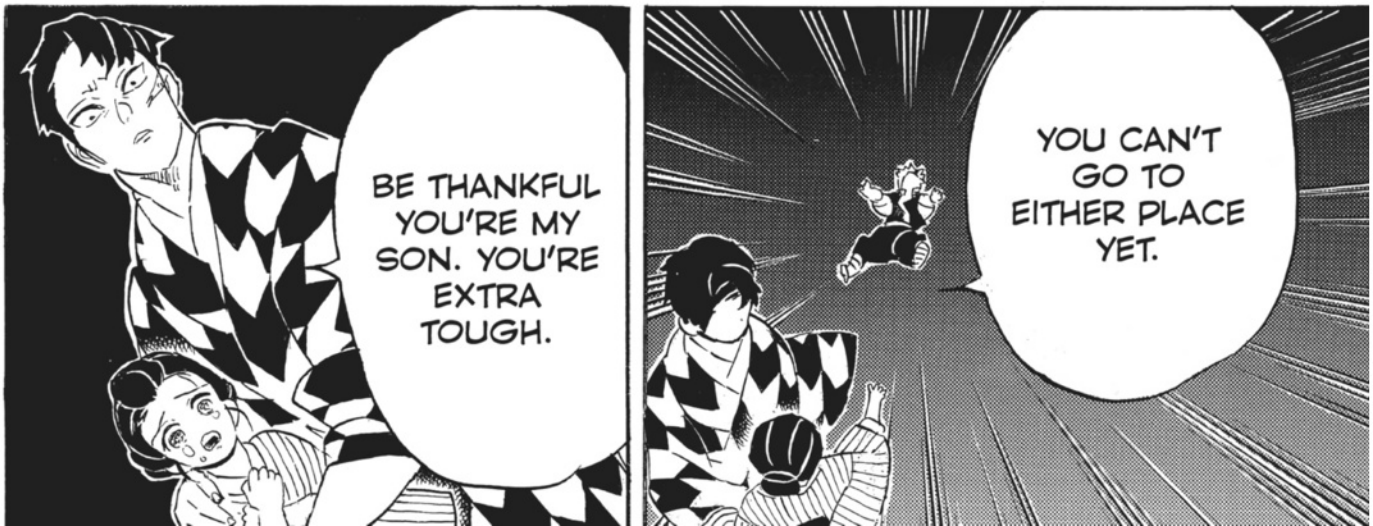

NO... I CANNOT GO WITH EVERYONE ELSE.
COME ON!
WHY NOT?! COME WITH ME!


BESIDES, IF I WENT THERE TOO SOON, GENYA WOULD BE SAD.
VERY WELL. THEN I WILL GO WITH YOU.
殺
I HARMED MY OWN CHILDREN, SO I CANNOT GO TO HEAVEN.


GRAB
I WILL CARRY YOU TO HELL ON MY BACK.

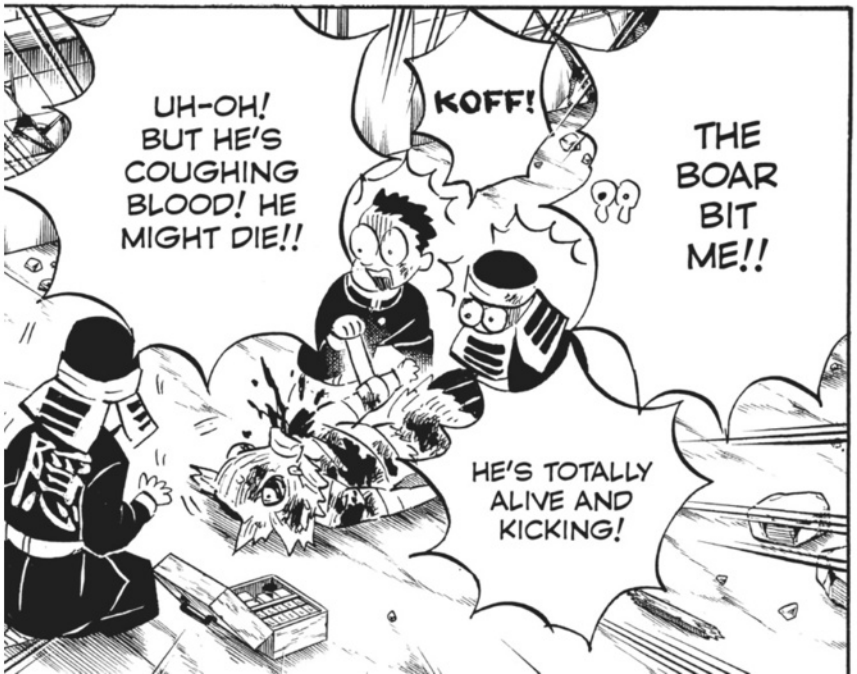
LET GO OF HER!
SHIZU IS COMIN' WITH ME!


NO, FATHER!!
LET GO OF MY MOTHER, YOU JERK!!
SHUV


BE THANKFUL YOU'RE MY SON. YOU'RE EXTRA TOUGH.
YOU CAN'T GO TO EITHER PLACE YET.

LOOK!
HEY!
HE'S REGAINED CONSCIOUS-NESS! SHINAZUGAWA IS AWAKE!!

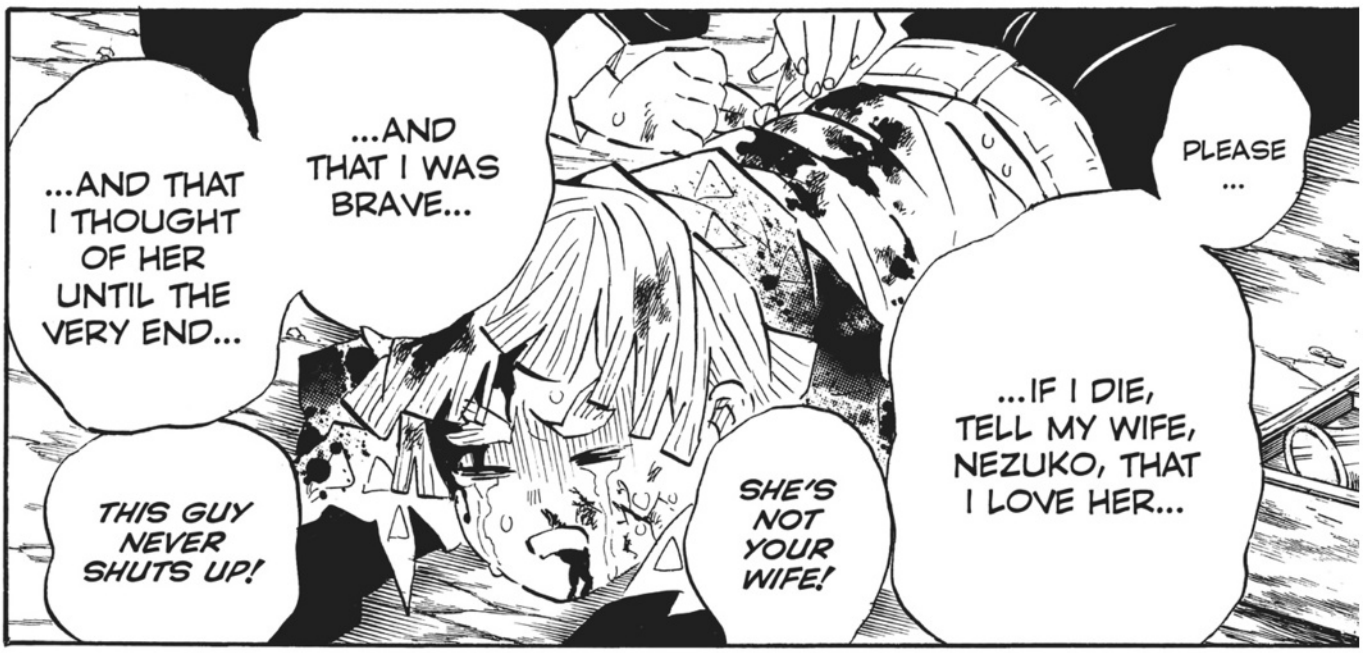
URGH...

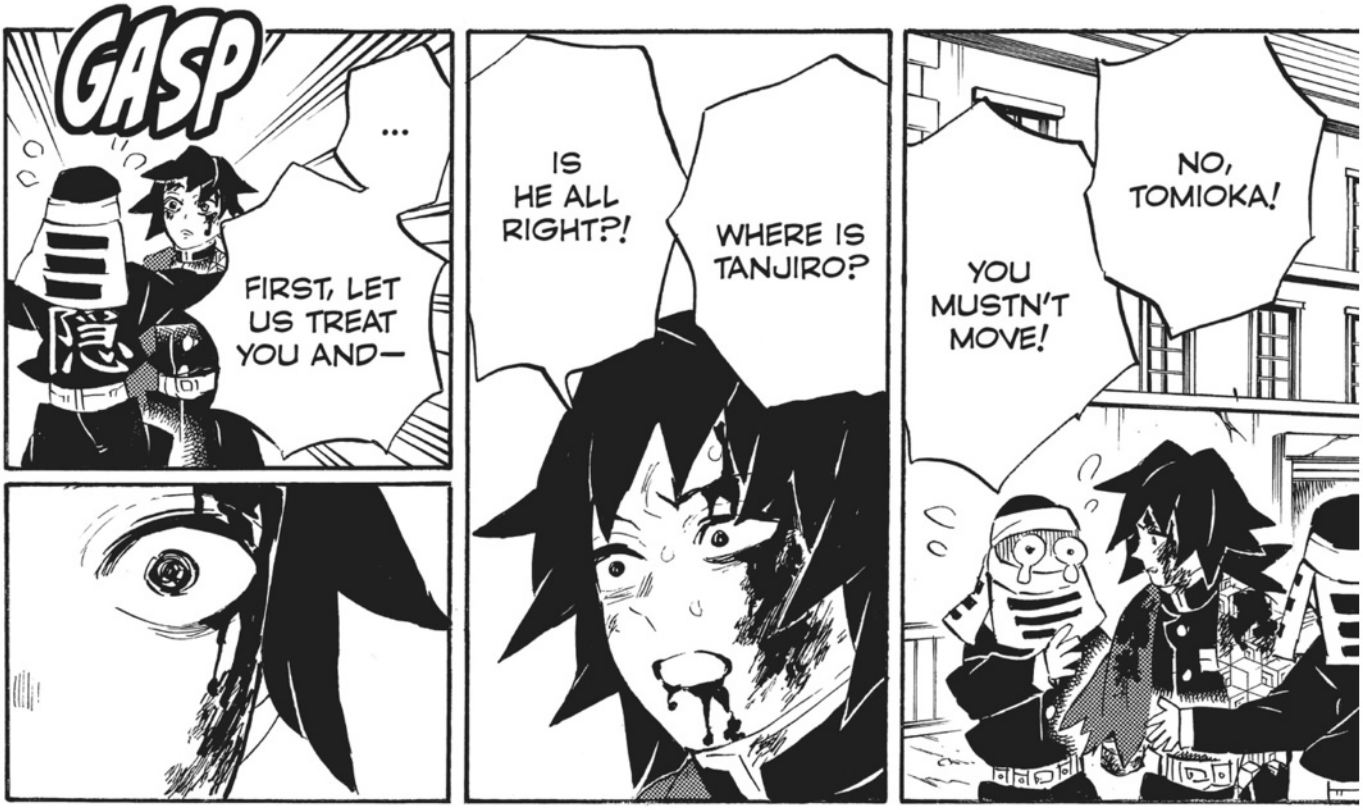

UH-OH! BUT HE'S COUGHING BLOOD! HE MIGHT DIE!!
KOFF!
THE BOAR BIT ME!!
HE'S TOTALLY ALIVE AND KICKING!

OUUUCH !!

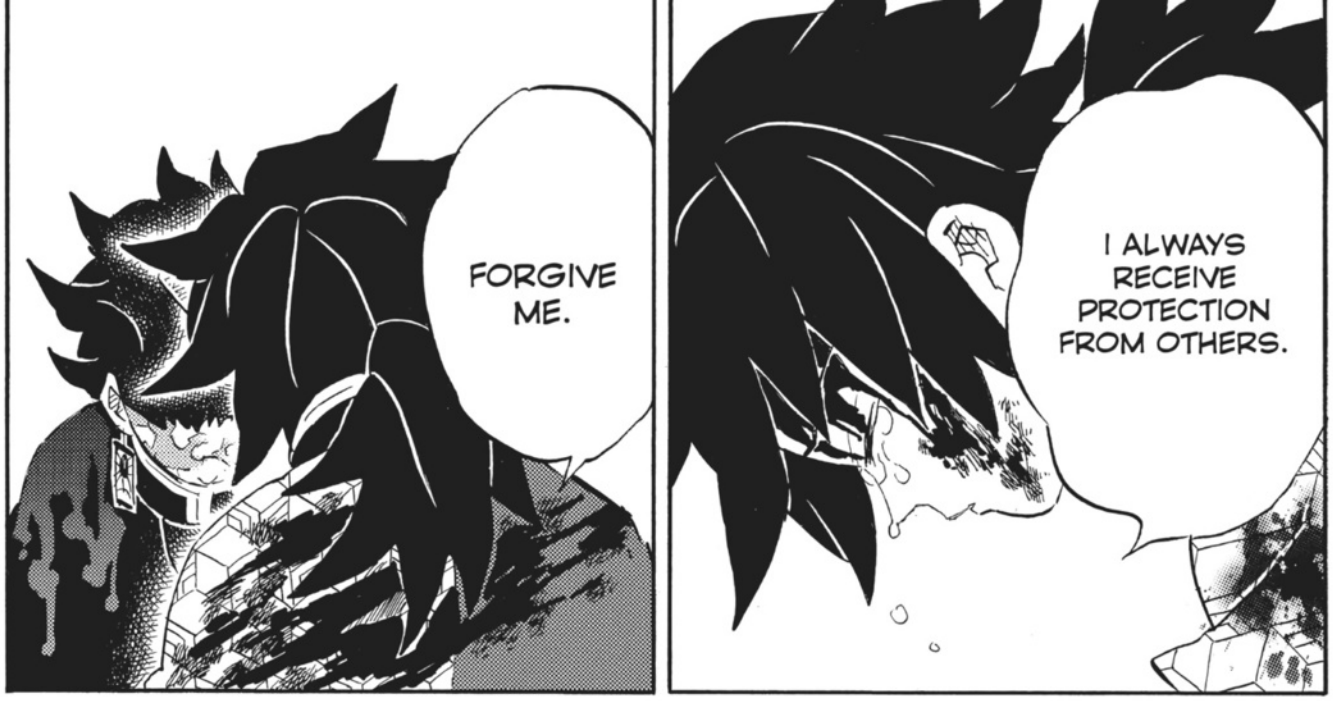
AAHH...
AH...
WAH...

TANJIRO...
HE ISN'T BREATH-ING. AND THERE'S NO PULSE.


PLEASE ...
...IF I DIE, TELL MY WIFE, NEZUKO, THAT I LOVE HER...
SHE'S NOT YOUR WIFE!
...AND THAT I WAS BRAVE...
...AND THAT I THOUGHT OF HER UNTIL THE VERY END...
THIS GUY NEVER SHUTS UP!


NO, TOMIOKA!
YOU MUSTN'T MOVE!
WHERE IS TANJIRO?
IS HE ALL RIGHT?!
GASP
...
FIRST, LET US TREAT YOU AND—

I'VE FAILED TO PROTECT YOU AGAIN.


FORGIVE ME.
I ALWAYS RECEIVE PROTECTION FROM OTHERS.

...NEZUKO.
I'M SORRY...

I'M SO SORRY.

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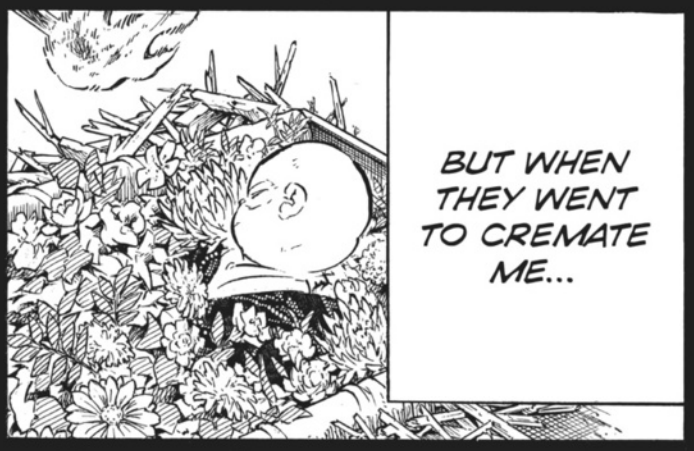
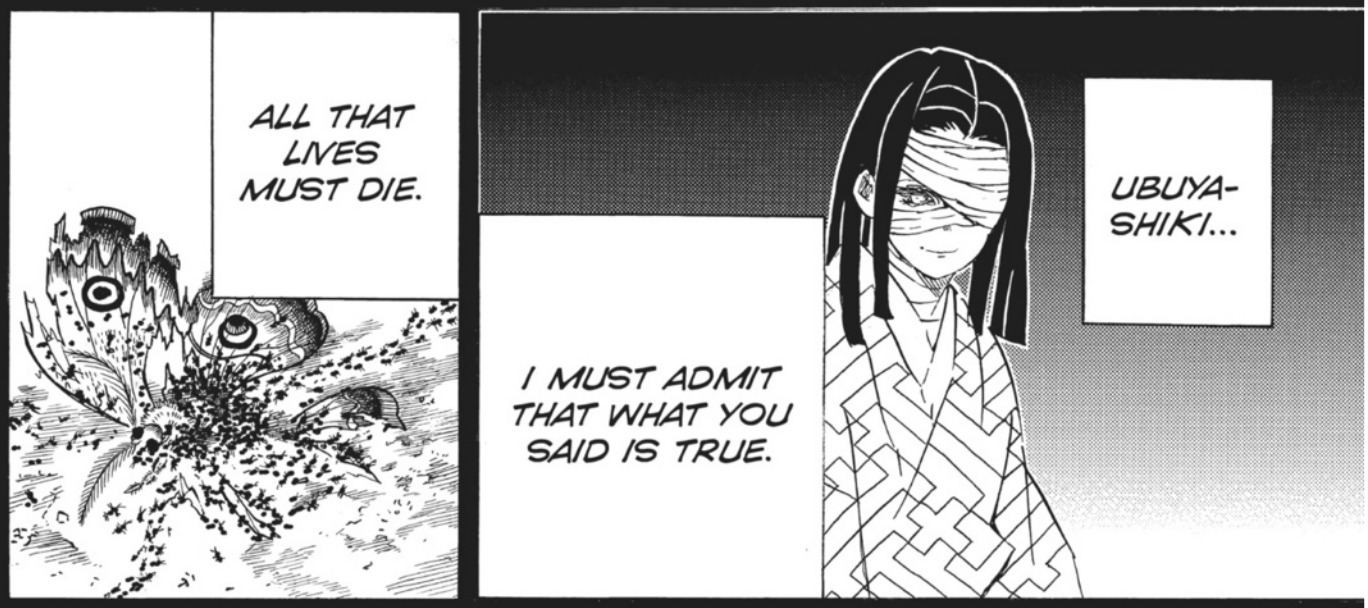
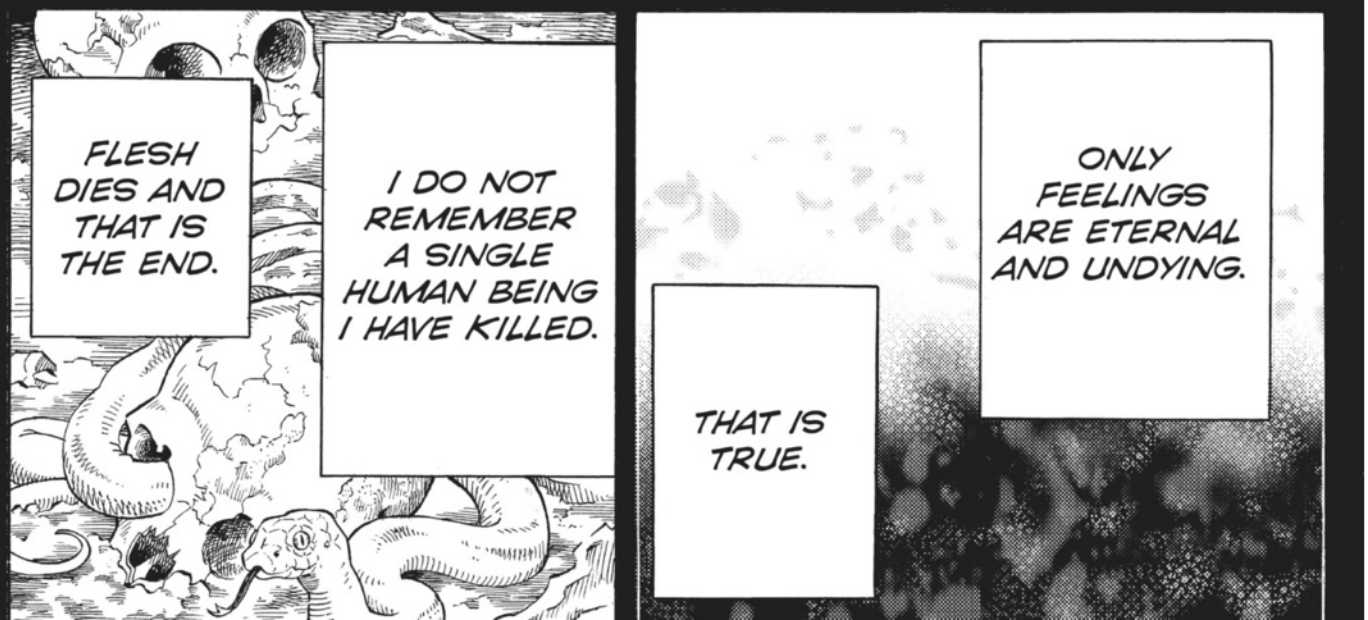
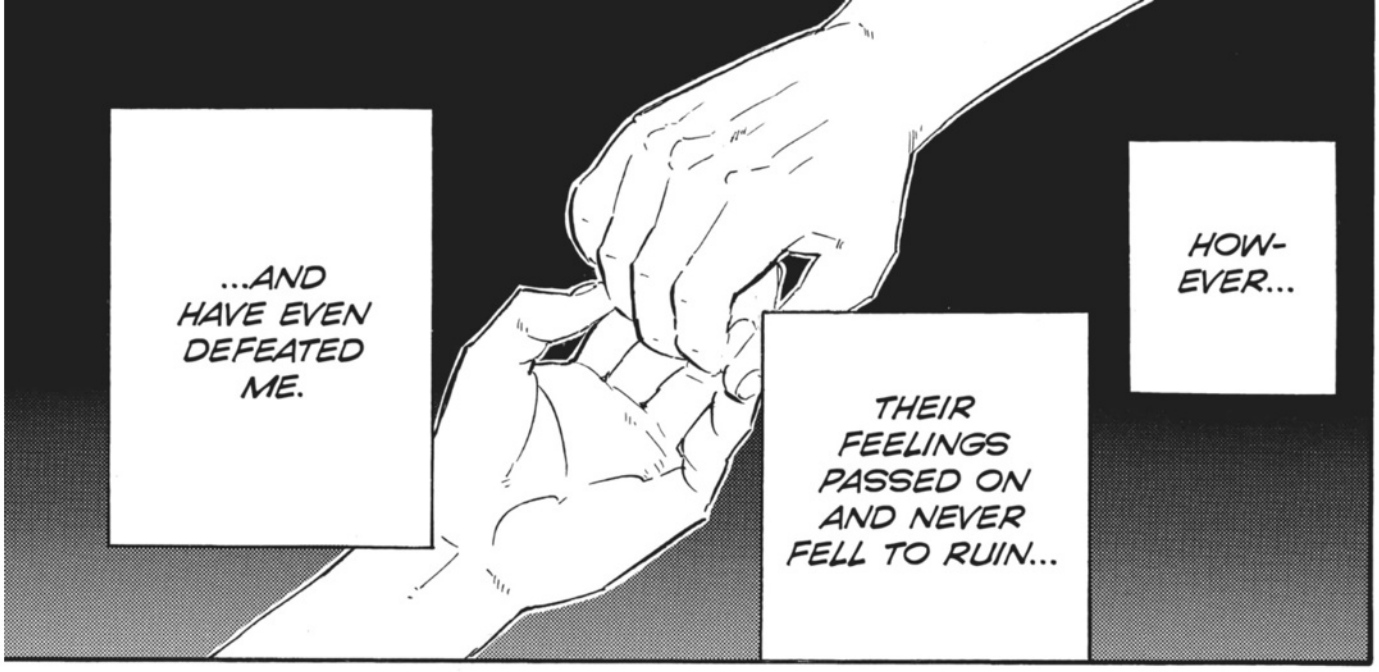
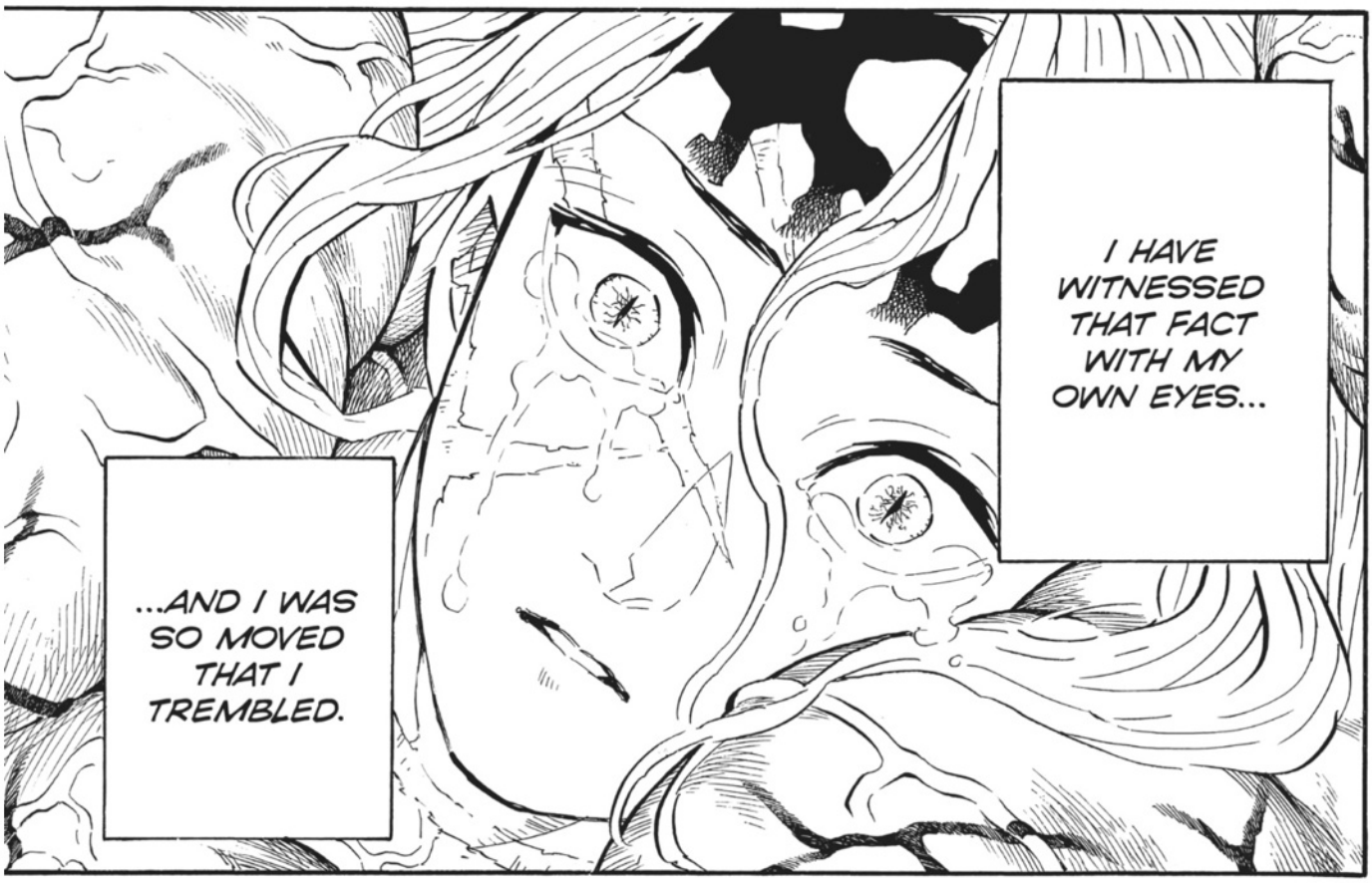


THAT WHICH I HAVE DESIRED HAS ALWAYS COME TO PASS.
I HAVE MADE IT HAPPEN.
HOWEVER, WHAT I COULD DO ALONE WAS LIMITED.


UBUYA-SHIKI...
I MUST ADMIT THAT WHAT YOU SAID IS TRUE.
ALL THAT LIVES MUST DIE.


ONLY FEELINGS ARE ETERNAL AND UNDYING.
THAT IS TRUE.
I DO NOT REMEMBER A SINGLE HUMAN BEING I HAVE KILLED.
FLESH DIES AND THAT IS THE END.


...AND HAVE EVEN DEFEATED ME.
THEIR FEELINGS PASSED ON AND NEVER FELL TO RUIN...
HOW-EVER...

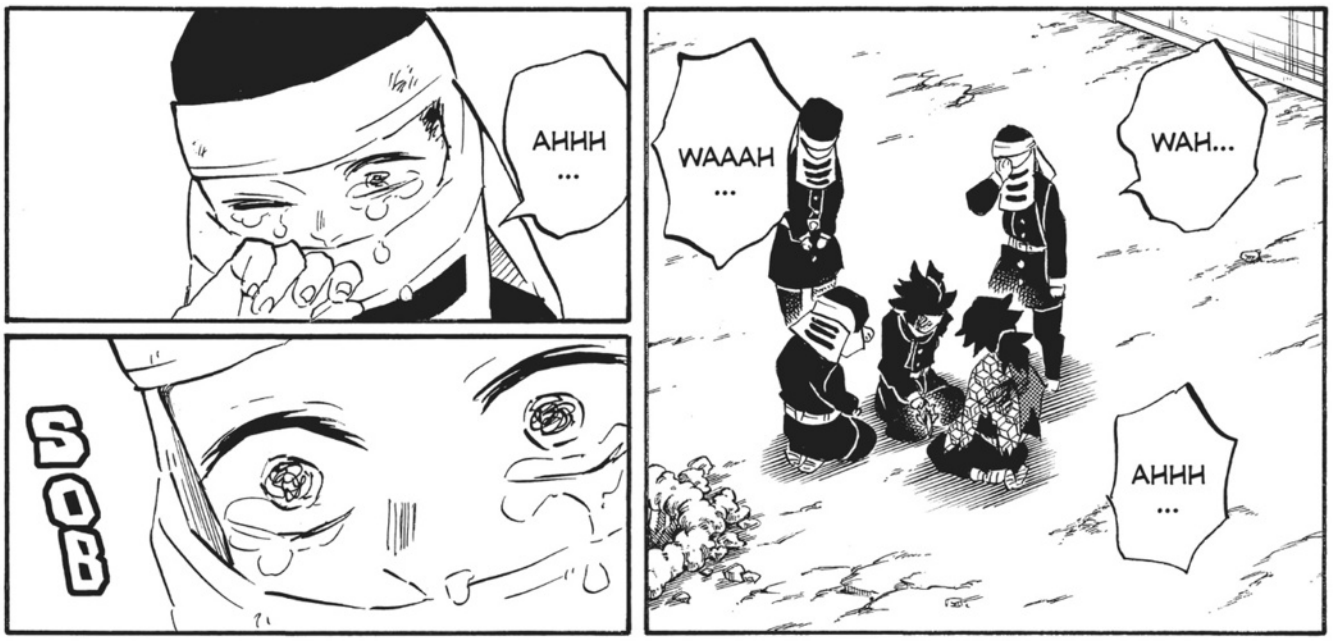

I HAVE WITNESSED THAT FACT WITH MY OWN EYES...
...AND I WAS SO MOVED THAT I TREMBLED.

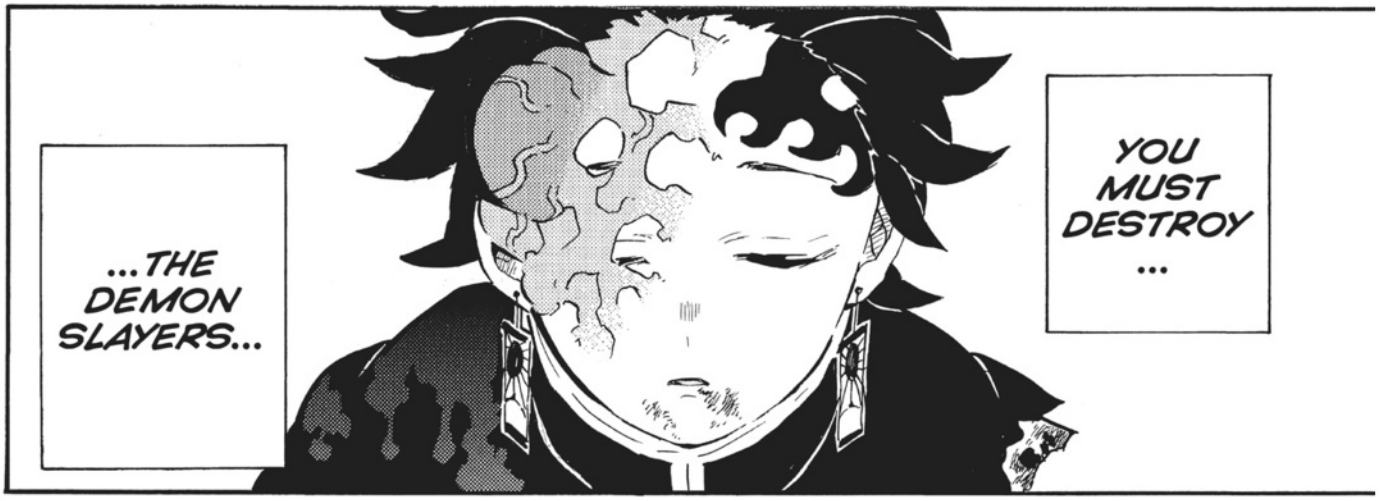
...BUT...

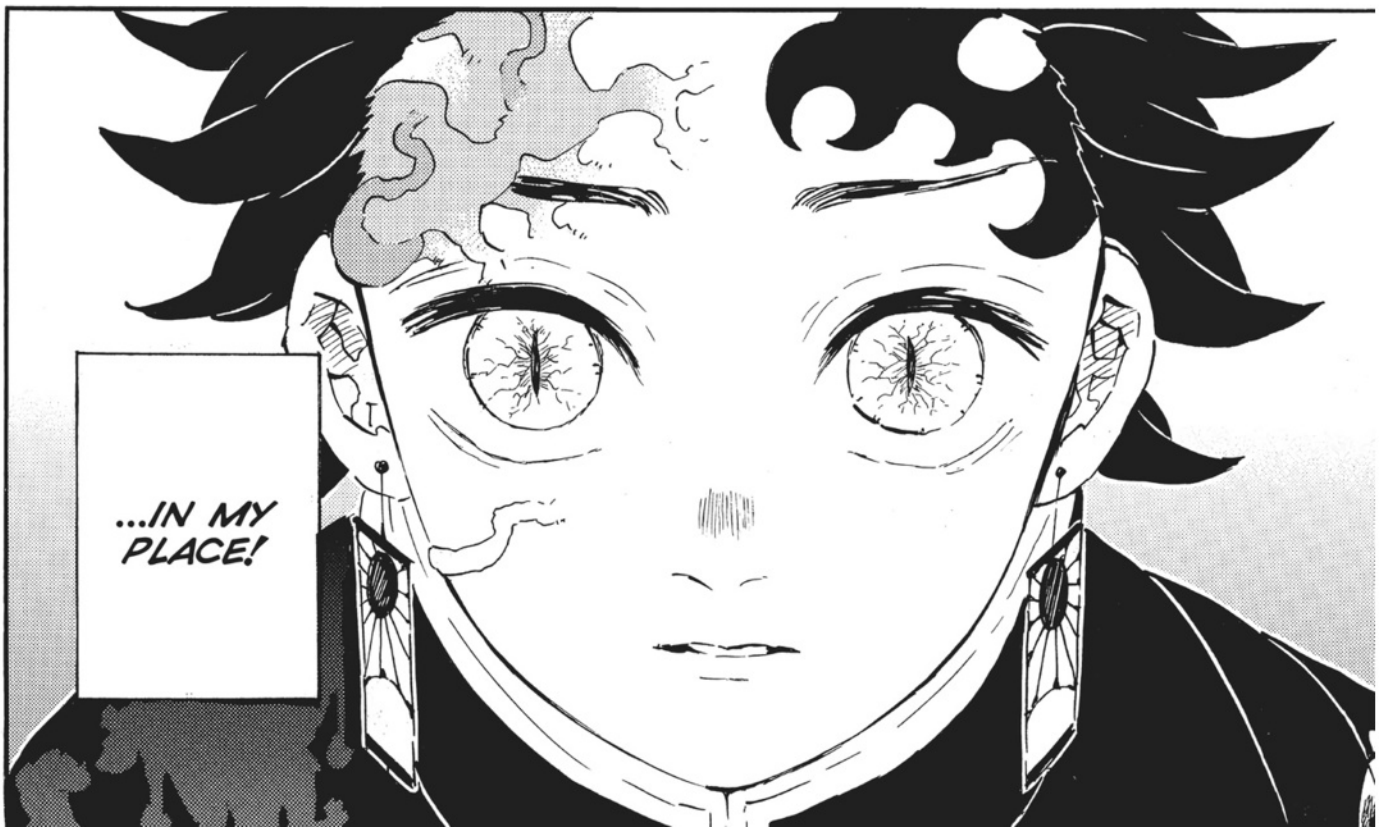
MY FLESH WILL SOON CRUMBLE IN THE SUNLIGHT...

MY OWN FEELINGS ARE UNDYING AND ETERNAL AS WELL.
I WILL ENTRUST ALL OF MY FEELINGS TO THIS CHILD.
THERE IS STILL TIME.
HIS BREATH AND HEART HAVE STOPPED, BUT NOT ALL HIS CELLS HAVE DIED, SO HE IS STILL ALIVE.
...AND IF YOU AVOID IMMEDIATE DEATH AND SURVIVE...
I WILL POUR INTO YOU ALL MY BLOOD AND POWER...

TANJIRO KAMADO...
...AND BECOME THE STRONGEST DEMON—THE KING OF DEMONS!
...YOU WILL CONQUER THE SUNLIGHT...
THAT IS BECAUSE YOU ARE THE ELDER BROTHER OF NEZUKO KAMADO AND THUS SHARE HER BLOOD.
AND YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE ABLE TO USE THE SAME BREATHING TECHNIQUES...
...AS THAT MONSTER.
YOU WILL NOT DIE.
I BELIEVE THAT.
MAKE MY DREAM COME TRUE...
... TANJIRO.


AHHH
...
SOB
WAAAH
...
WAH...
AHHH
...


...THE DEMON SLAYERS...
YOU MUST DESTROY
...


...IN MY PLACE!

WHAM
隠
HUH?
THUD
WHA...?
WHAT?!
TANJIRO?

HUH?

WHY?
GET BACK !!

SWISH
!
ZUEN
GYAH!
AAAGH!
AAAAH !!!
FWOMP
FWOMP
GYAAA ...

GRAAAH!
BUT TANJIRO IS—
DON'T JUST STAND THERE!! GET BACK!!
ANYONE WHO CAN STILL FIGHT...
...GRAB A WEAPON AND FORM UP!!
?!
?
FORM UP!
THERE'S SOME SORT OF COMMO-TION...
WHAT HAPPENED ?
NNN
NNN

TANJIRO HAS BECOME A DEMON!
WE HAVE TO KEEP HIM UNDER THE SUN AND BURN HIM TO DEATH!
KILL TANJIRO BEFORE HE KILLS ANYONE!!
BA
SHZ
BA

FWAM
GRP
SZZ
GYAAAH!
I CAN'T LET HIM GET INTO THE SHADE!!
SZ
...COME TO YOUR SENSES...
PLEASE ...
...AND JUST DIE!!
A MOMENT LATER AND TANJIRO WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE KILLED A KAKUSHI.

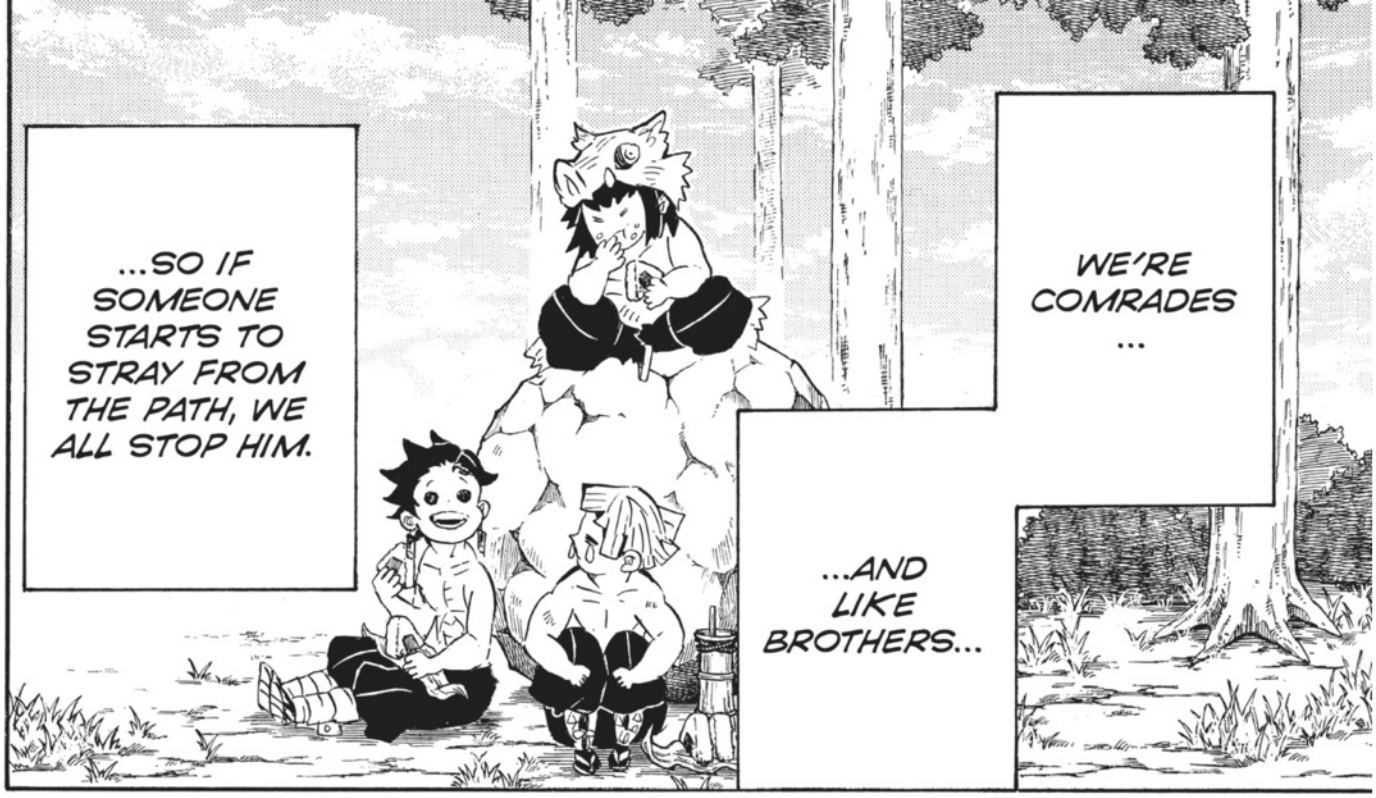
NO WAY...
THE BURNING STOPPED!!

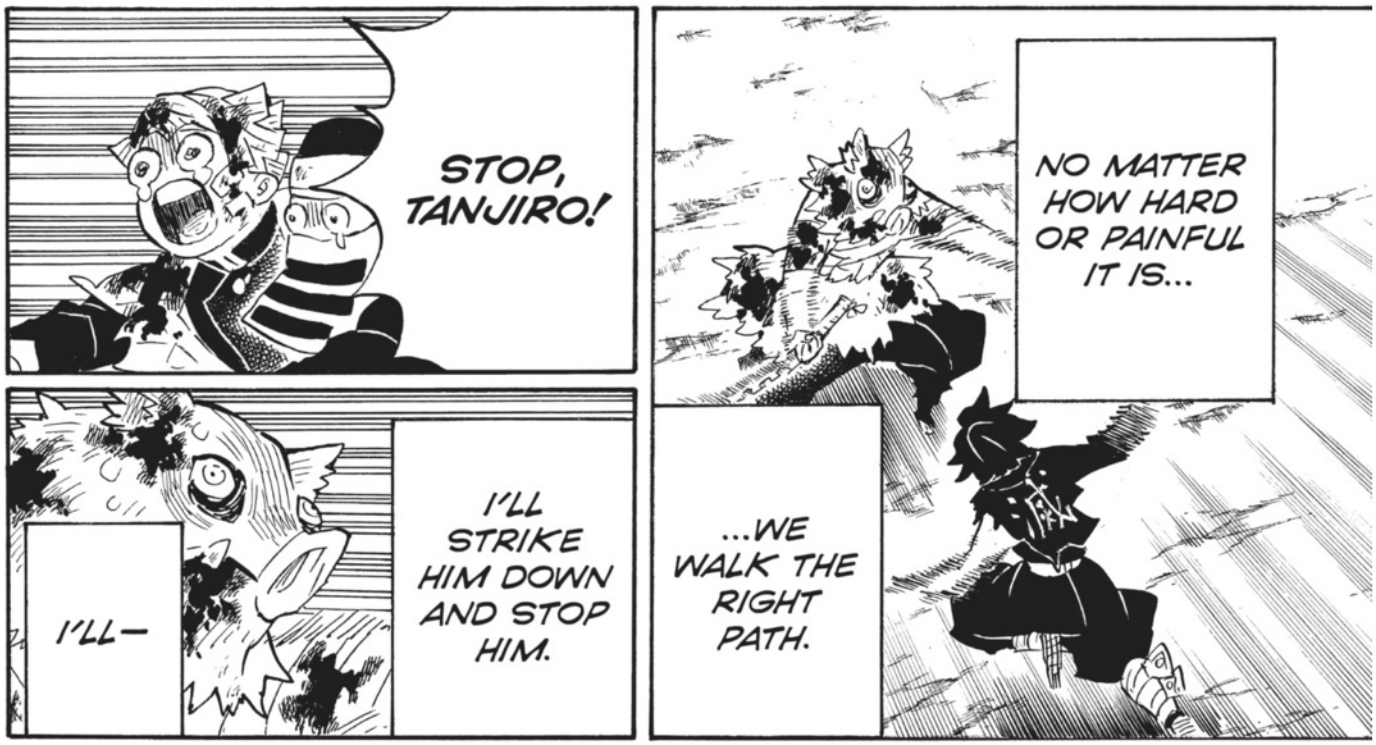
GRR
GRR
TWITCH
TWITCH
NO WAY...
TANJIRO ?

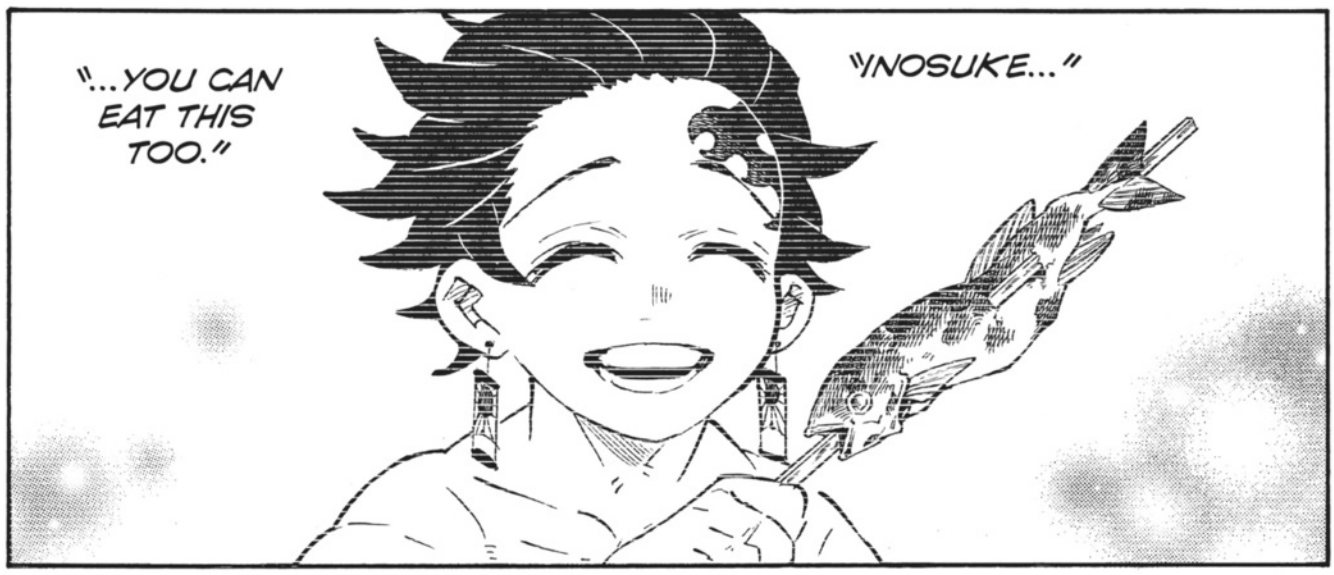
KL
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
ANG
WO
TANJIRO!
HE'S OUR ALLY!!
HFF
HFF
THIS IS THE GUY WITH THE HALF-AND-HALF HAORI!
MP
BLOOD LOSS IS MAKING ME DIZZY.
STFL

WHAT ABOUT NEZUKO...
... TANJIRO ?
NO ONE CAN FIGHT ANYMORE.
THIS IS AWFUL.
WE'RE ALL BEAT UP!

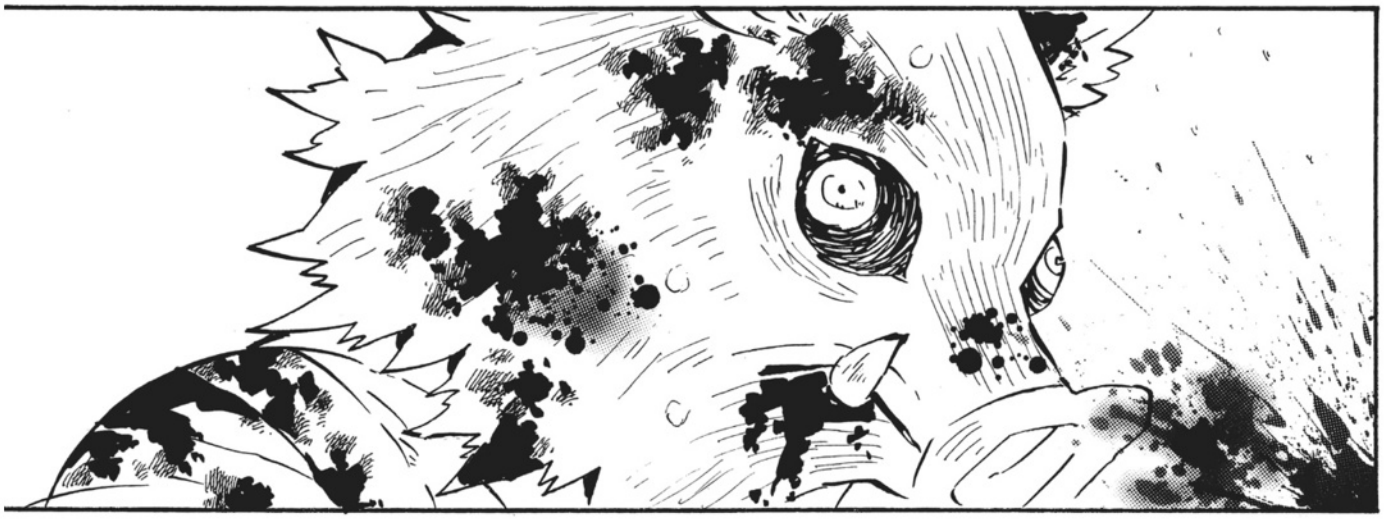
THNK
TH
NK


...SO IF SOMEONE STARTS TO STRAY FROM THE PATH, WE ALL STOP HIM.
WE'RE COMRADES ...
...AND LIKE BROTHERS...


STOP, TANJIRO!
I'LL—
I'LL STRIKE HIM DOWN AND STOP HIM.
NO MATTER HOW HARD OR PAINFUL IT IS...
...WE WALK THE RIGHT PATH.


"...YOU CAN EAT THIS TOO."
"INOSUKE..."

I CAN'T FOLLOW THROUGH.
IT'S NO USE, TANJIRO.
I CAN'T DO IT.



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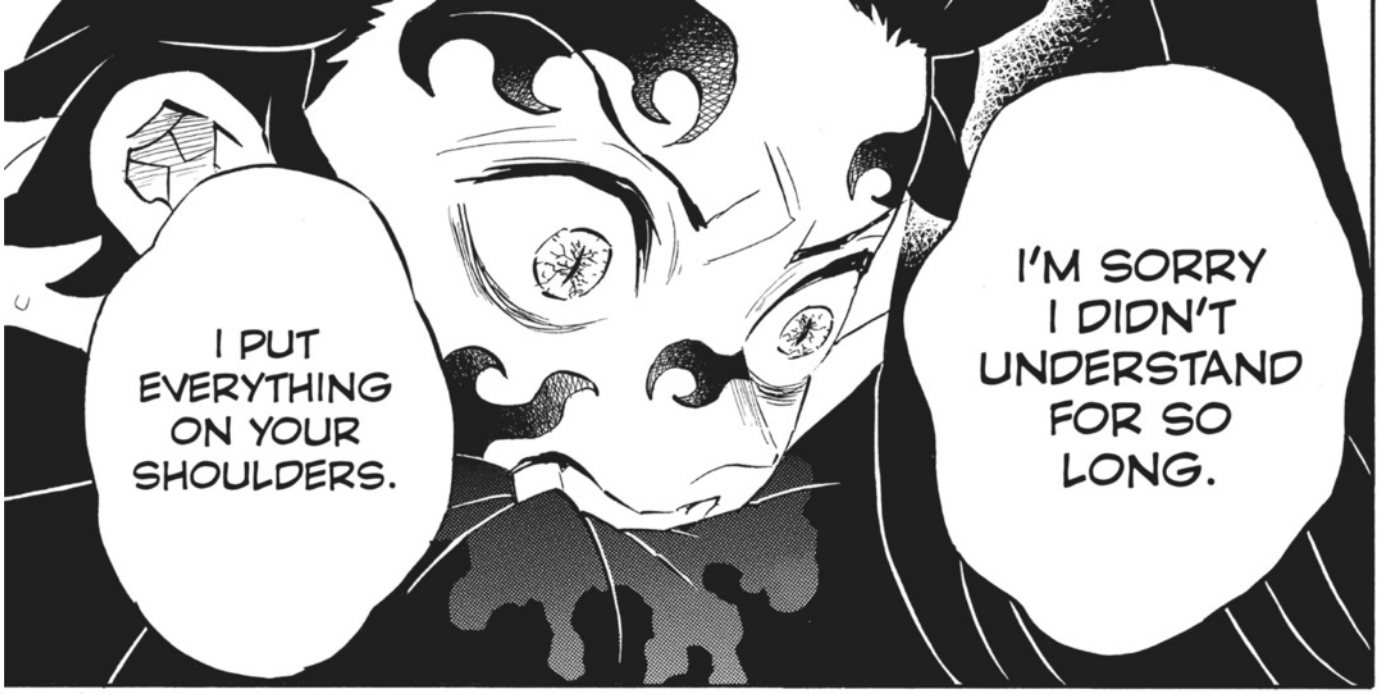
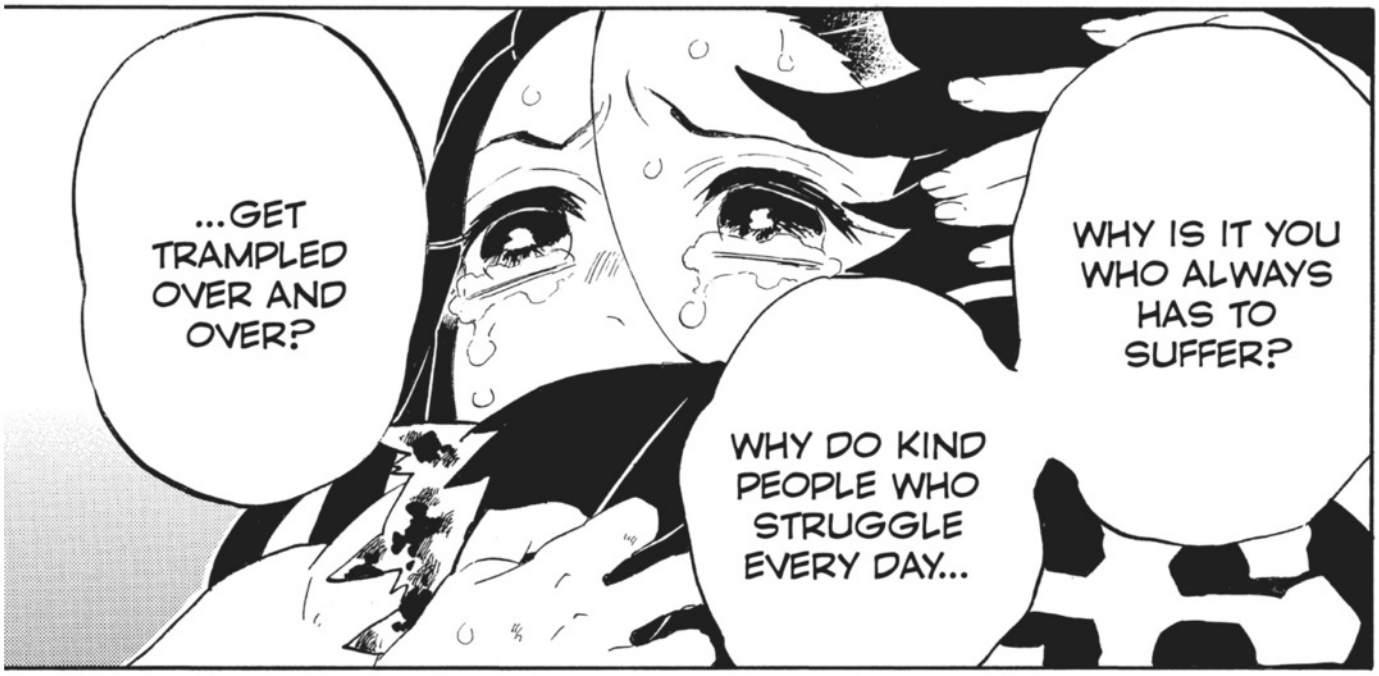
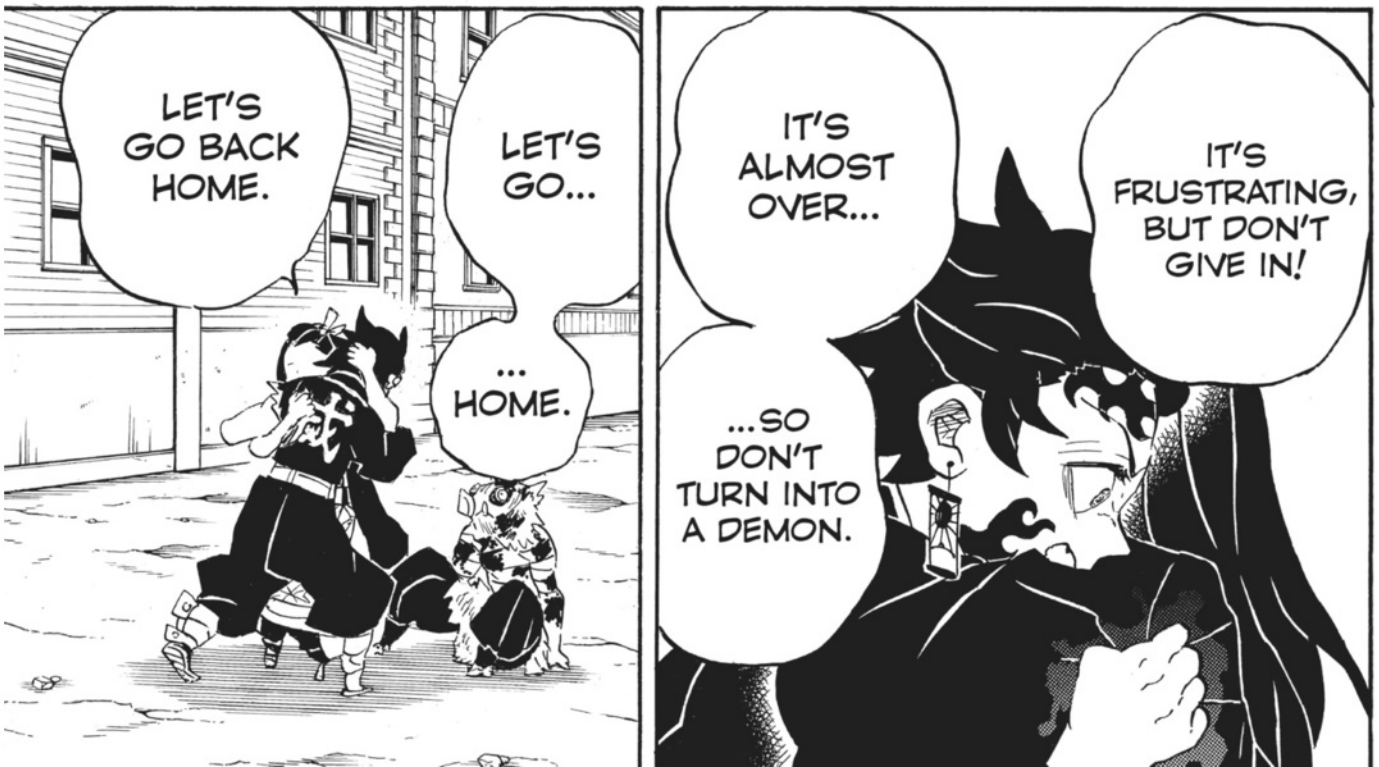
MY DEAR BROTHER!
HUG
I'M SO SORRY.
FSHH
GRP


I'M SORRY I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND FOR SO LONG.
I PUT EVERYTHING ON YOUR SHOULDERS.


WHY IS IT YOU WHO ALWAYS HAS TO SUFFER?
WHY DO KIND PEOPLE WHO STRUGGLE EVERY DAY...
...GET TRAMPLED OVER AND OVER?


IT'S FRUSTRATING, BUT DON'T GIVE IN!
IT'S ALMOST OVER...
...SO DON'T TURN INTO A DEMON.
LET'S GO...
... HOME.
LET'S GO BACK HOME.

GRAAA
WOH
SKRCH
SKRCH
!!

GRB
IT'S NEZUKO!
NO, TANJIRO!!
SHE'S BACK TO NORMAL! SHE'S HUMAN AGAIN!
SHE CALLED YOU "BROTHER," RIGHT?!
DON'T DO THIS! SHE'LL DIE!!
THWAK
KNOCK IT OFF!!
GRRRR

THIS... THIS ISN'T YOU!
QUIT YOUR SCREAM-ING!
DON'T HURT NEZUKO!
SO GO BACK TO BEING THE USUAL TANJIRO!!
WAAAH
BIF
BOF
POW
YOU WERE SO NICE!!
AHA

BOOM
...AAAHH!
GAAA...
AGH!
HFF!
HFF!
KOFF!

GRRR
HUFF!
HUFF!
GRRR
PLEASE, BROTHER!
DON'T GIVE IN, TANJIRO!

NO!!
WATER BREATHING
FOURTH FORM:
STRIKING TIDE!!
HE BIT NEZUKO AND LEARNED THE TASTE OF BLOOD!
THERE'S NO GOING BACK!!
I MUST KILL TANJIRO BEFORE HE KILLS ANYONE!
BUT...

...SUNLIGHT AND BRIGHT-RED BLADES WON'T WORK AGAINST HIM!
THERE'S NO WAY TO KILL HIM!!
HAHAHAHA
!!
PLEASE, BROTHER !!
PLEASE DON'T KILL ANYONE!

YOU HAVE TO STOP!!
FOOM
OH NO! NEZUKO!!

NO!!
WHAM
DON'T DO THAT AGAIN!!
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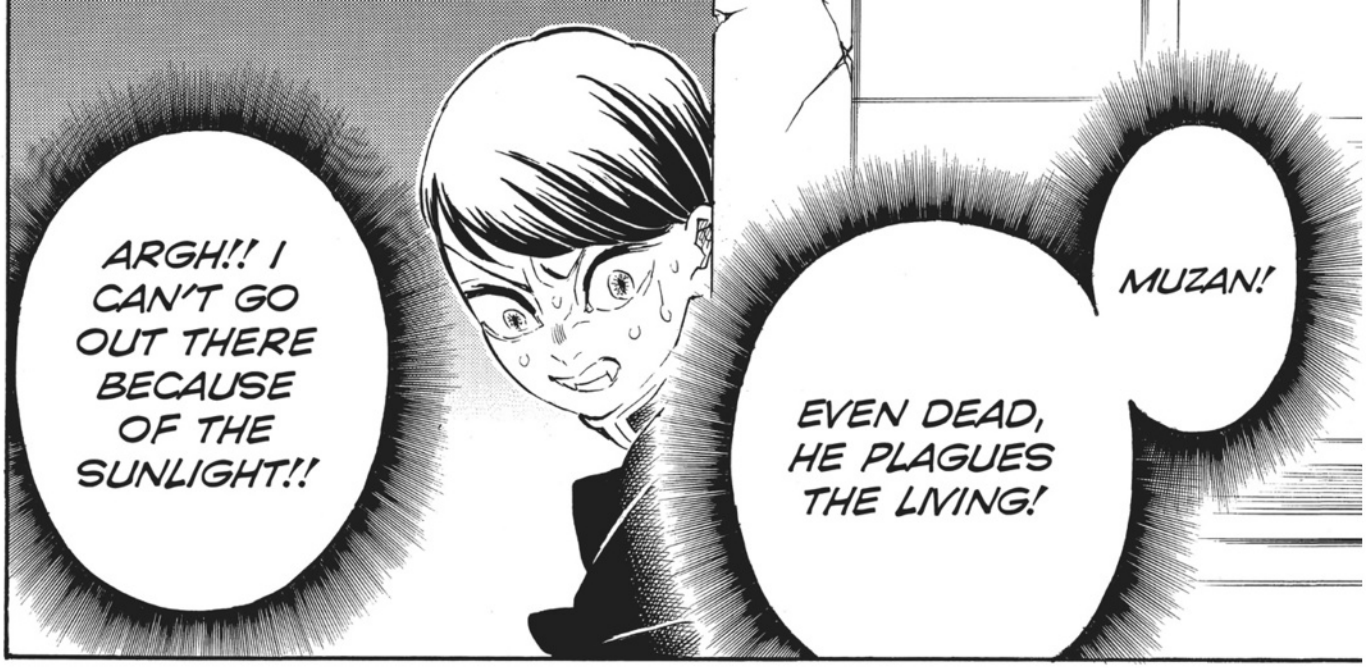
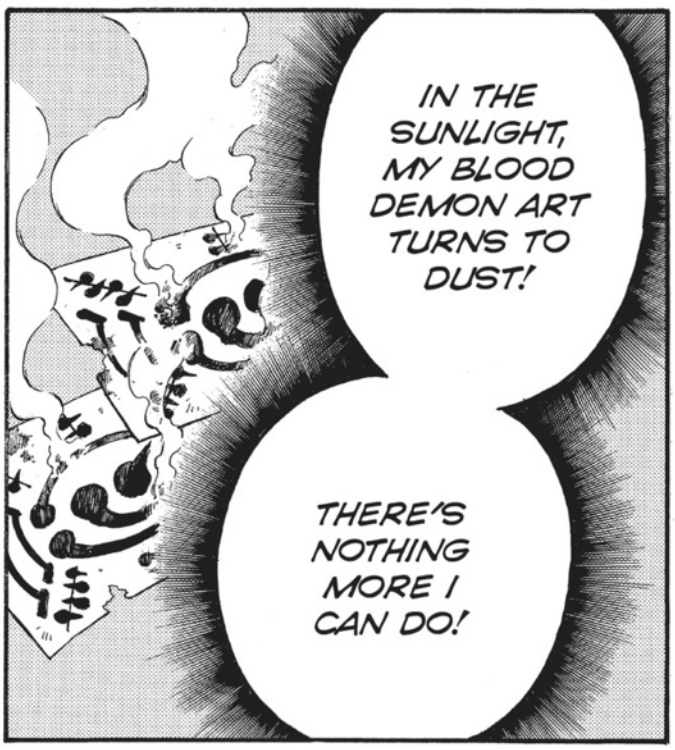
NEZUKO ...
TAN...
...JIRO...
TANJIRO! PLEASE, STOP!!
GET AWAY, NEZUKO !!
WHY DIDN'T HIS ATTACK STRIKE HER?
BLEEDING PREY IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM.
WHY ISN'T HE KILLING NEZUKO?
I MUST GET HIM TO RETURN TO HIMSELF!!
BUT CAN I EVEN ACHIEVE SUCH A MIRACLE?!
ARE YOU FIGHTING IT, TANJIRO?
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN ?!
THIS IS BAD...

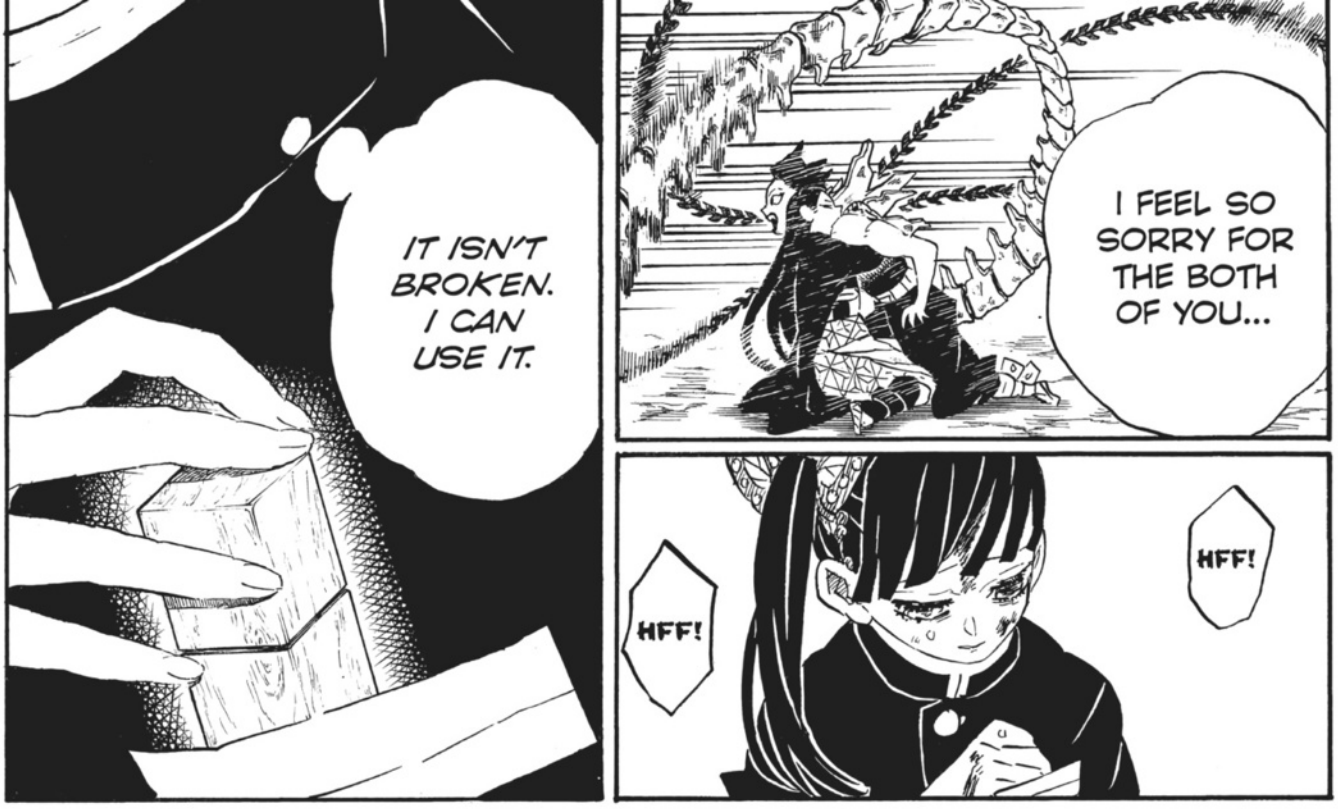

ARGH!! I CAN'T GO OUT THERE BECAUSE OF THE SUNLIGHT!!
EVEN DEAD, HE PLAGUES THE LIVING!
MUZAN!

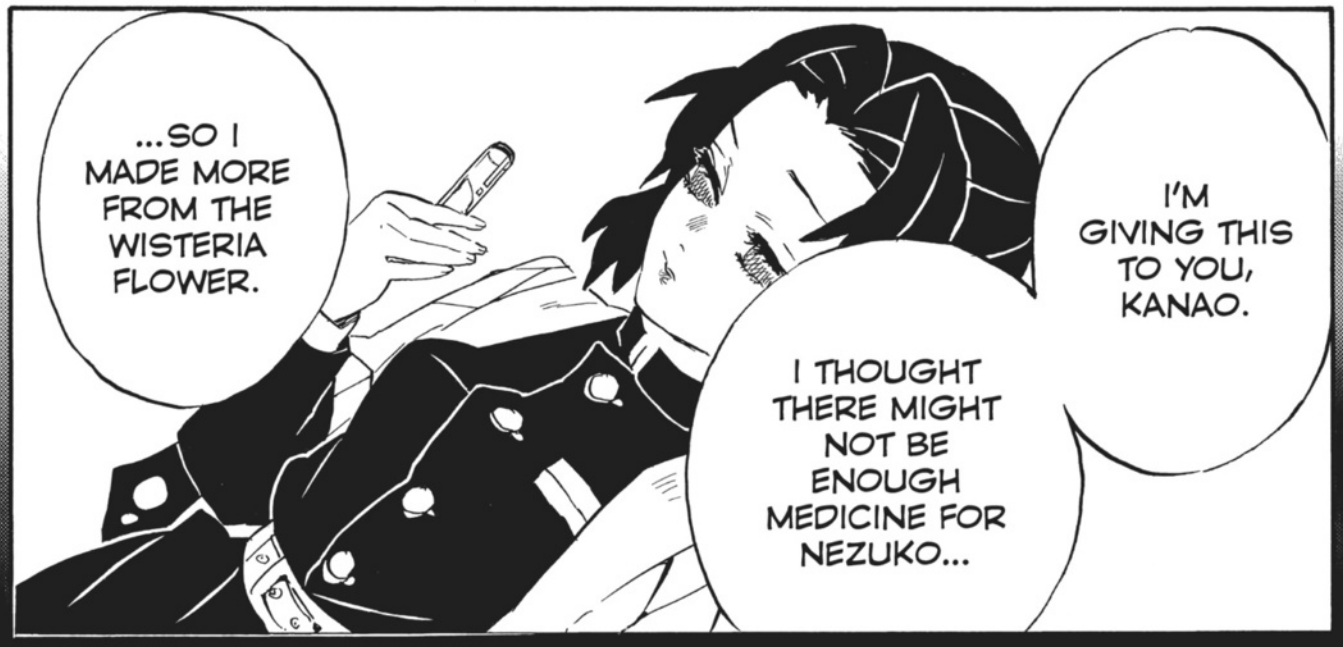
?!
SHF
SHF

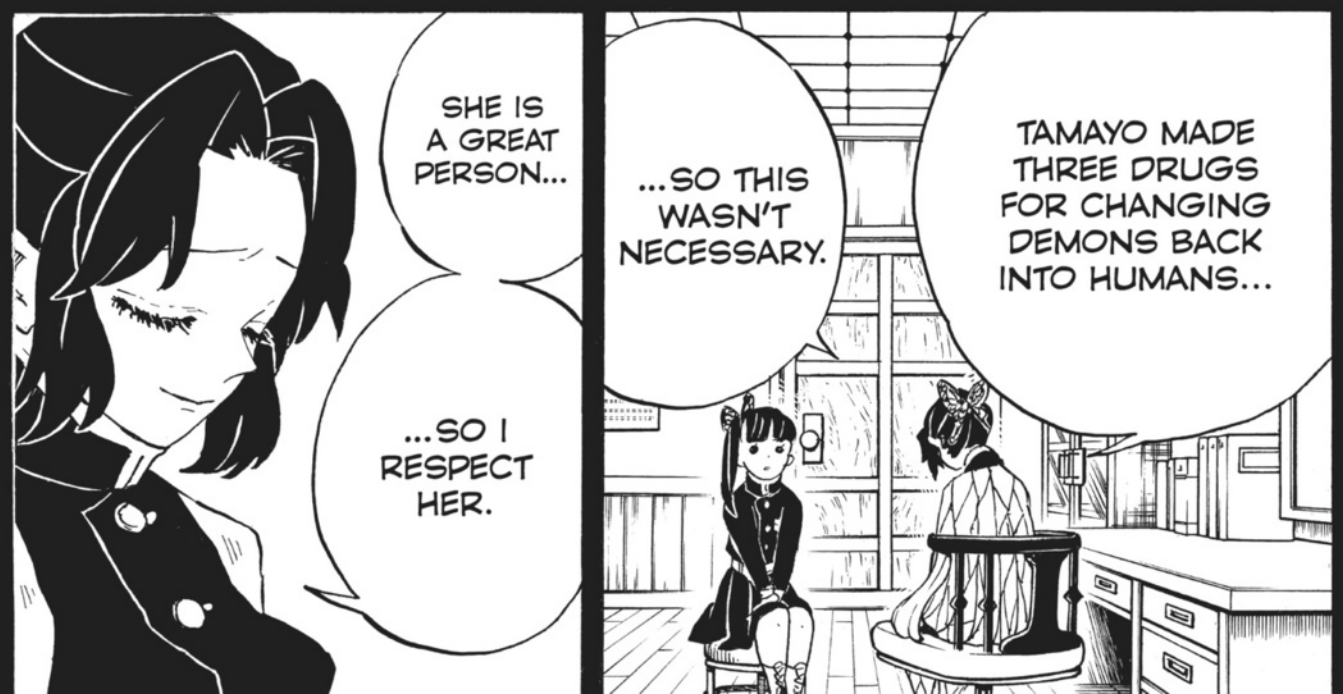

IN THE SUNLIGHT, MY BLOOD DEMON ART TURNS TO DUST!
THERE'S NOTHING MORE I CAN DO!

NEZUKO...
TANJIRO...

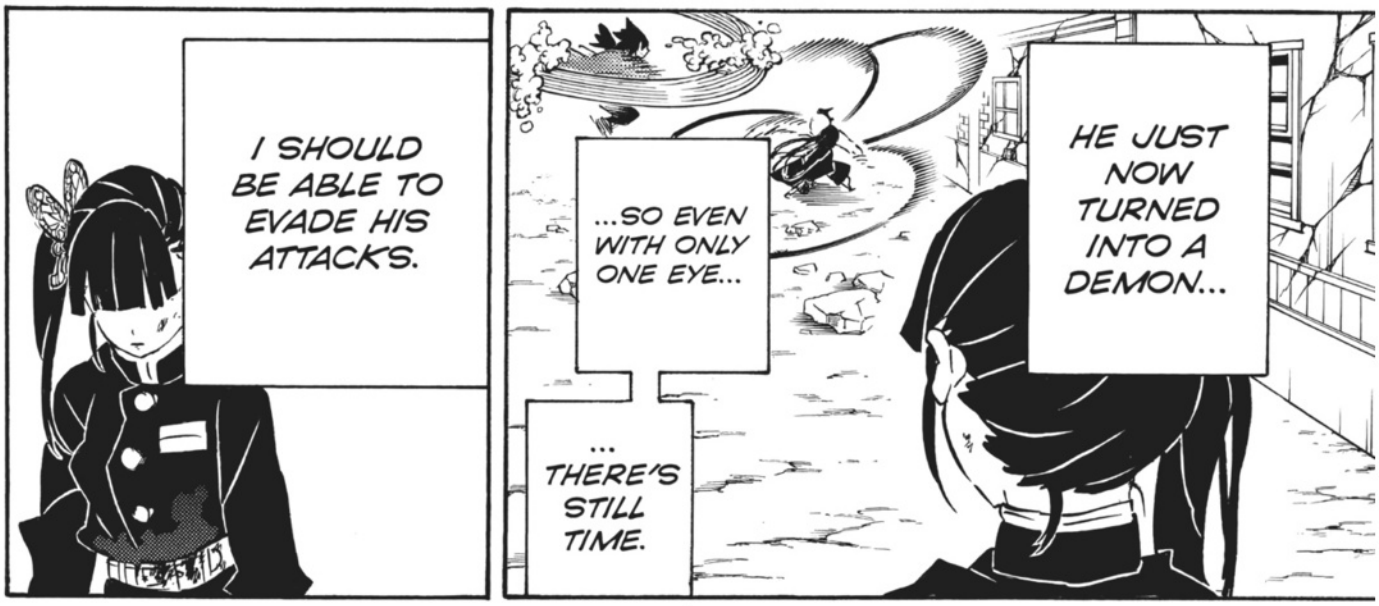
SHF
HFF!
HFF!
HFF!


IT ISN'T BROKEN. I CAN USE IT.
I FEEL SO SORRY FOR THE BOTH OF YOU...
HFF!
HFF!


...SO I MADE MORE FROM THE WISTERIA FLOWER.
I'M GIVING THIS TO YOU, KANAO.
I THOUGHT THERE MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH MEDICINE FOR NEZUKO...


SHE IS A GREAT PERSON...
...SO I RESPECT HER.
...SO THIS WASN'T NECESSARY.
TAMAYO MADE THREE DRUGS FOR CHANGING DEMONS BACK INTO HUMANS...

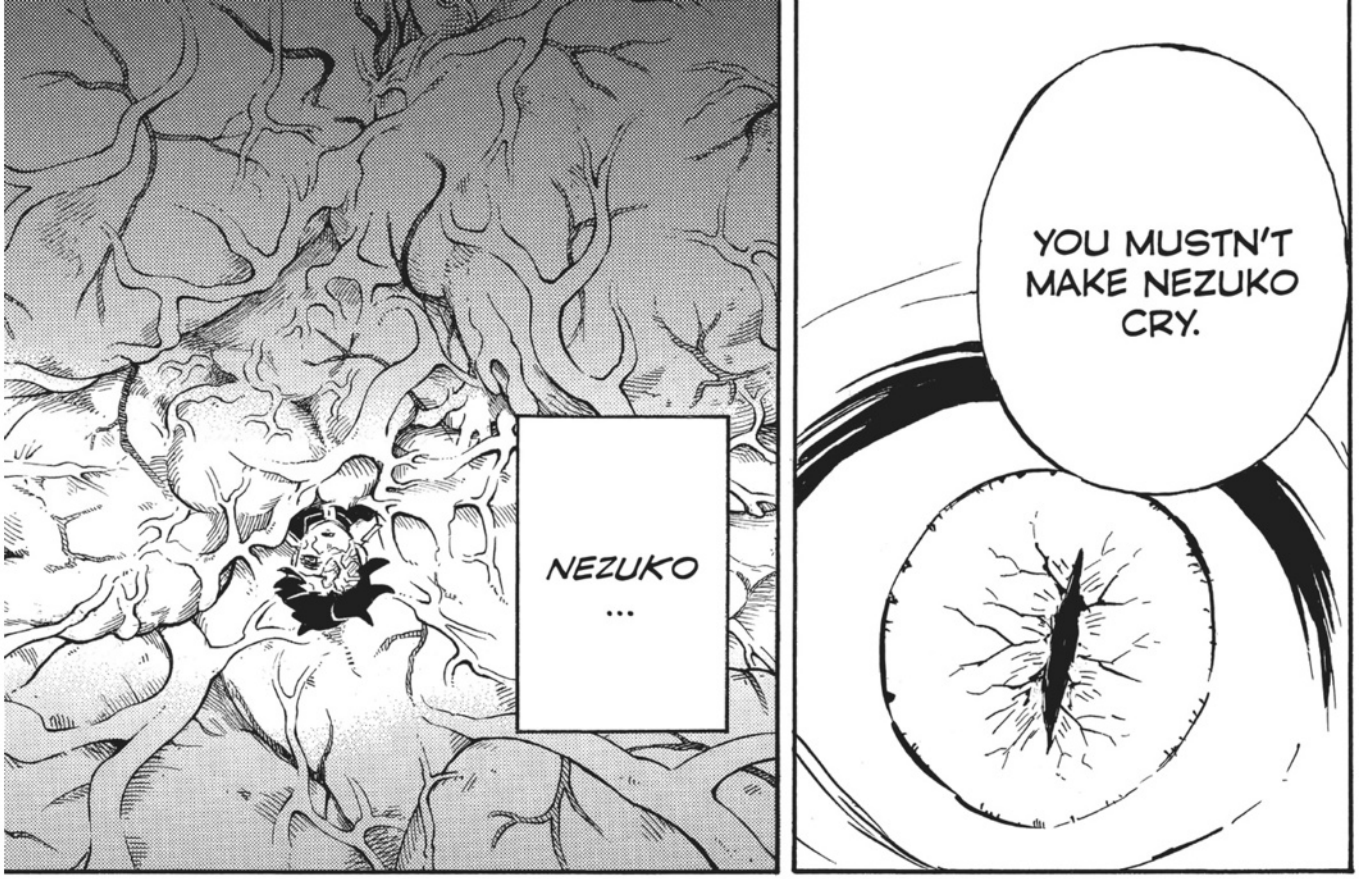
KANAE, SO THIS IS WHY...
...I STILL HAVE...
...ONE EYE.

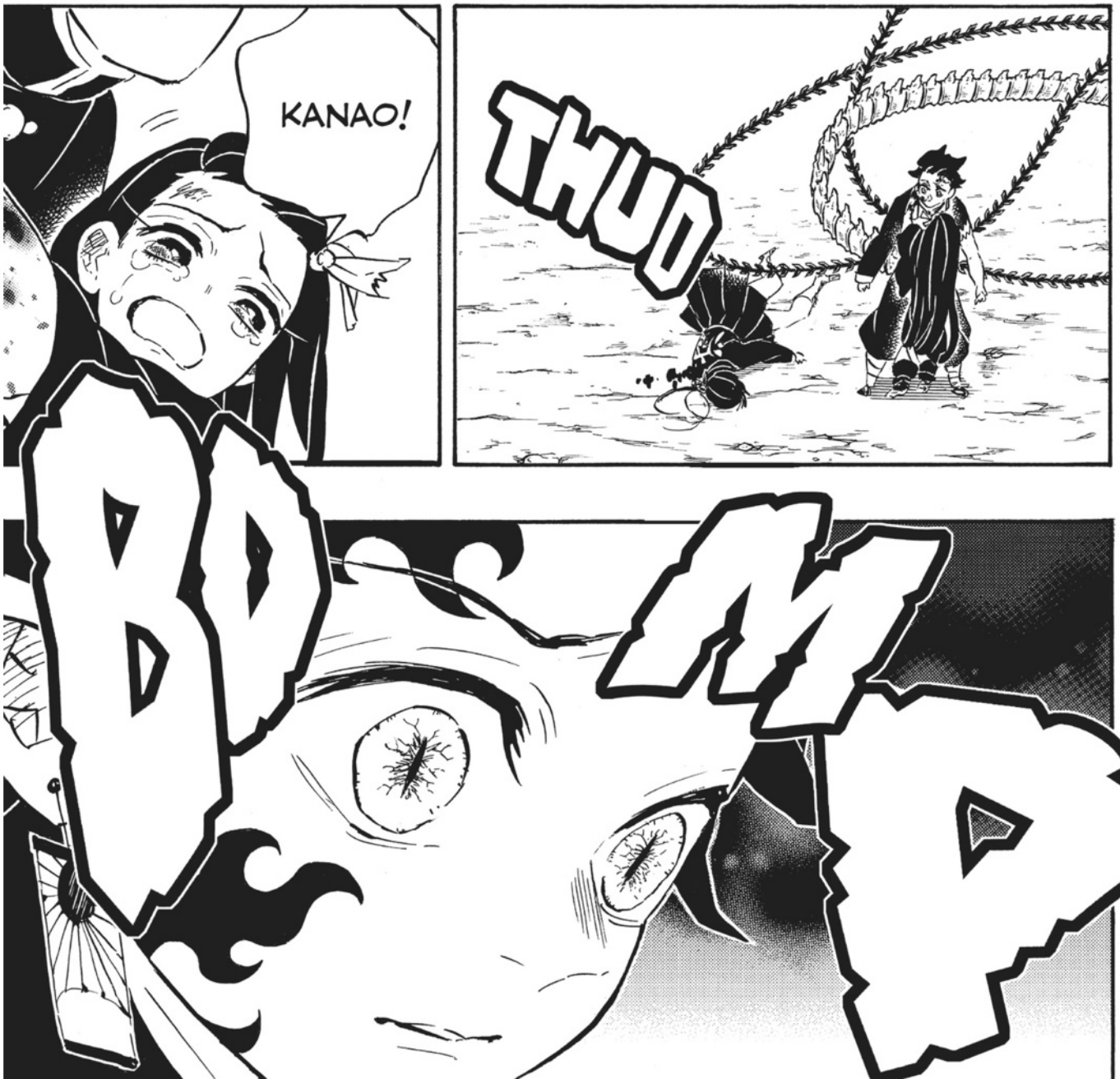

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO EVADE HIS ATTACKS.
...SO EVEN WITH ONLY ONE EYE...
...THERE'S STILL TIME.
HE JUST NOW TURNED INTO A DEMON...

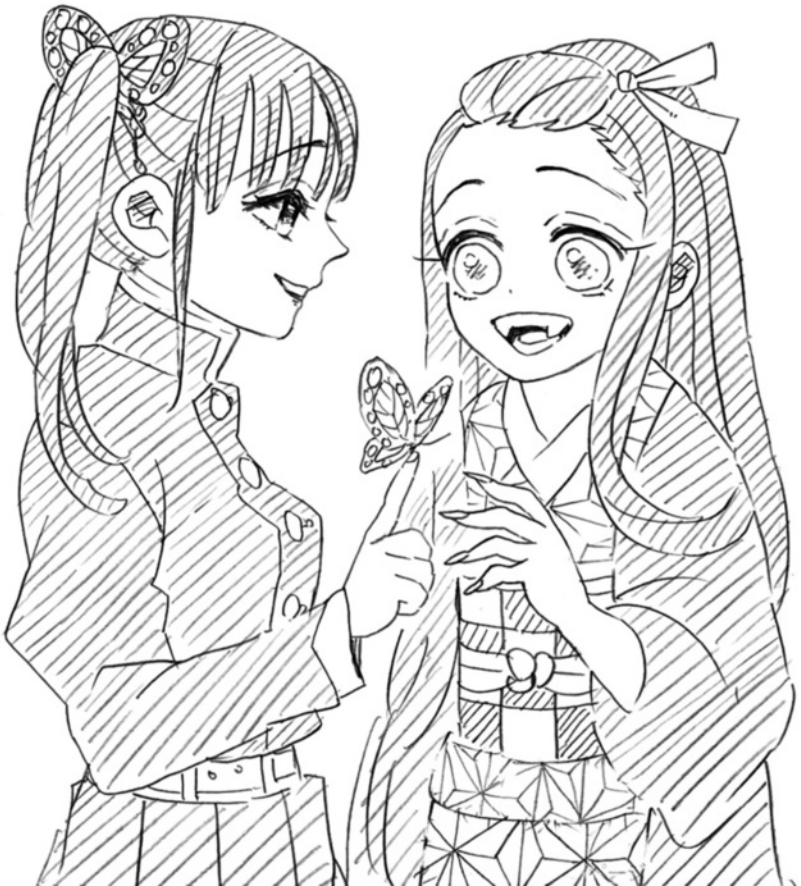
FLOWER BREATHING
FINAL FORM:
EQUINOCTIAL VERMILION EYE!

?!
THAT'S KOCHO'S...

WHAM
THAT'S ENOUGH, TANJIRO.
GRRIP
COME BACK TO US.


NEZUKO
...
YOU MUSTN'T MAKE NEZUKO CRY.

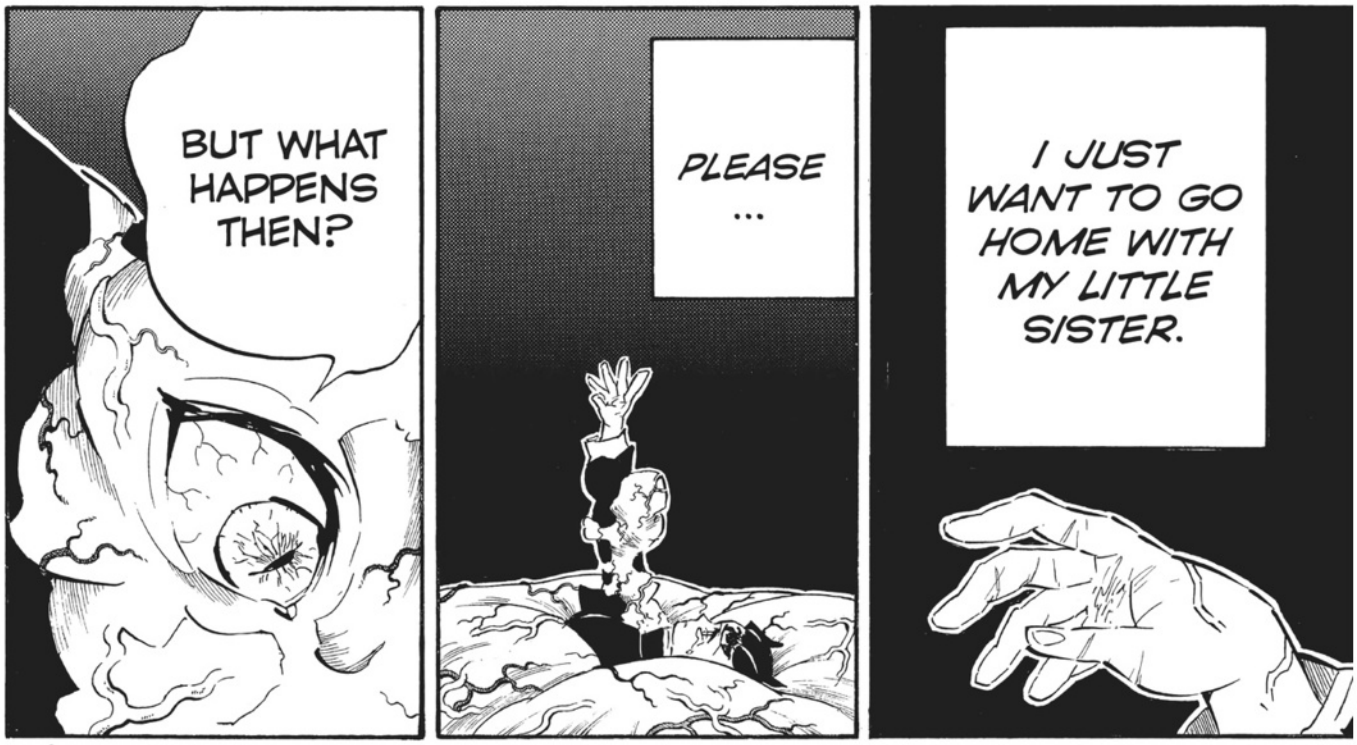

KANAO!
THUD
DASH

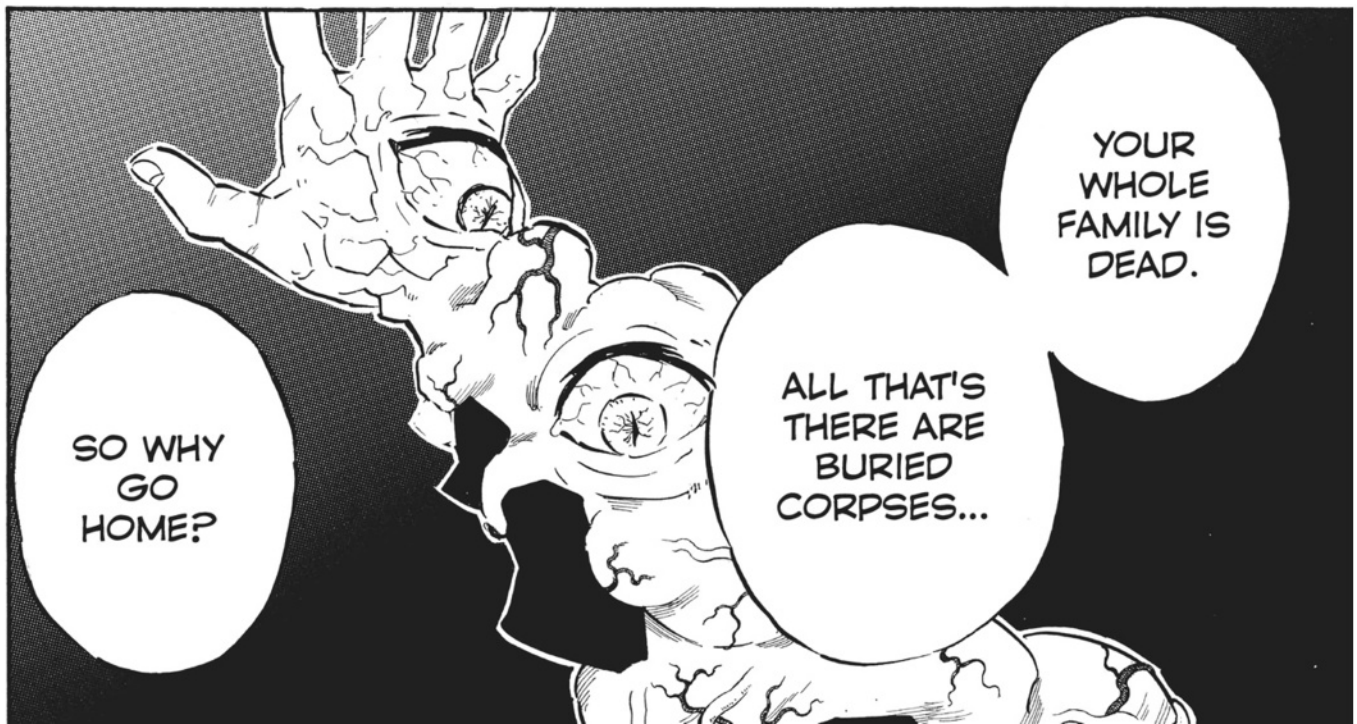


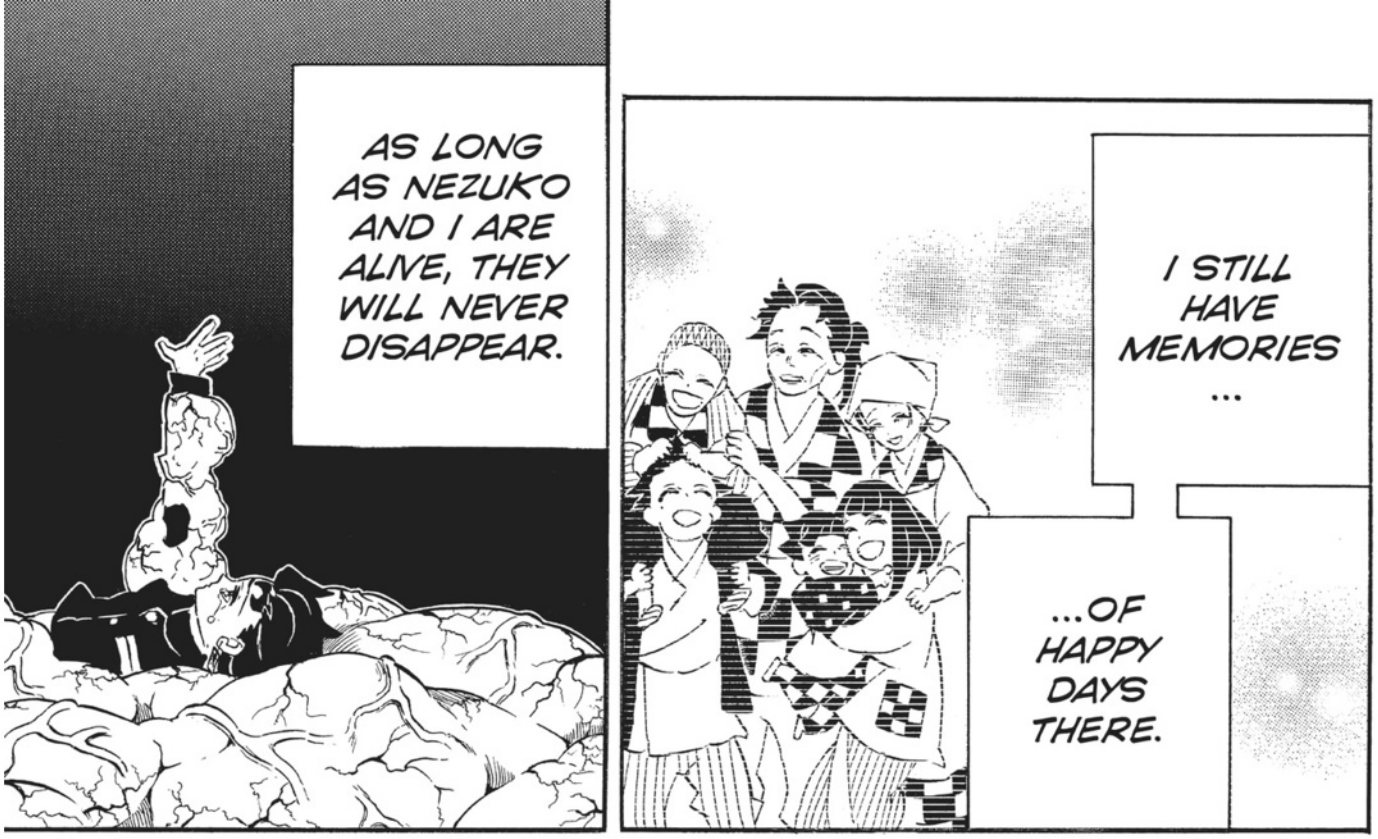
LET'S GO HOME.
TANJIRO, LET'S GO BACK.

CHAPTER 203: VOICES OF ENCOURAGEMENT
I WANT TO GO BACK.
I WANT TO GO HOME TOO, NEZUKO.
I'M SO TIRED.

LET ME GO HOME.
PLEASE, GOD.


BUT WHAT HAPPENS THEN?
PLEASE ...
I JUST WANT TO GO HOME WITH MY LITTLE SISTER.

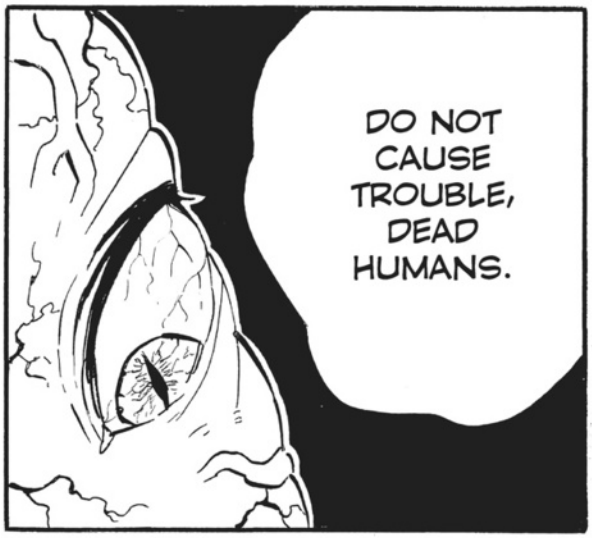

SO WHY GO HOME?
ALL THAT'S THERE ARE BURIED CORPSES...
YOUR WHOLE FAMILY IS DEAD.

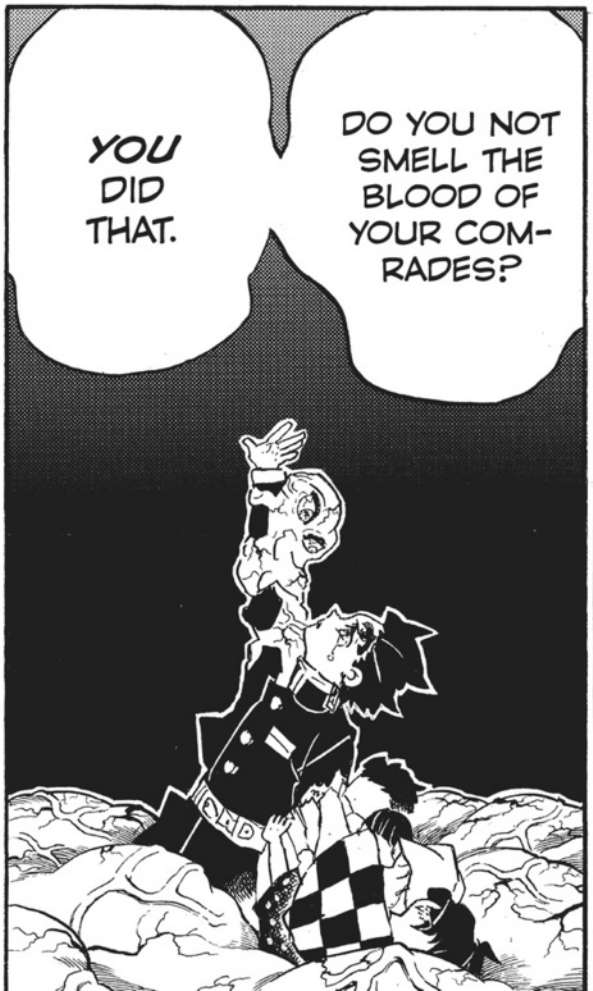

AS LONG AS NEZUKO AND I ARE ALIVE, THEY WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR.
I STILL HAVE MEMORIES ...
...OF HAPPY DAYS THERE.

SO I MUST GO BACK.

NEZUKO IS DEAD. YOU KILLED HER.
BUT WHY DO SOME-THING SO POINTLESS?

NEZUKO IS ALIVE.
YOU'RE LYING.

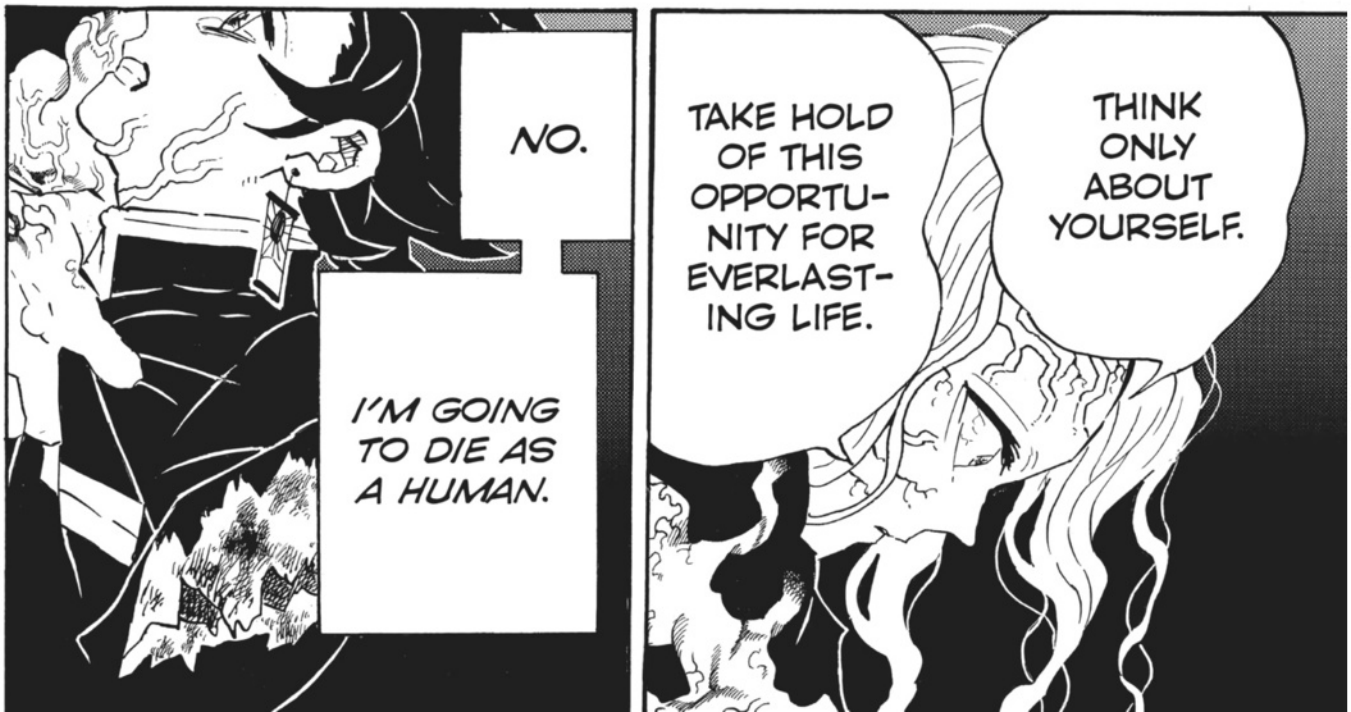

DO NOT CAUSE TROUBLE, DEAD HUMANS.


YOU DID THAT.
DO YOU NOT SMELL THE BLOOD OF YOUR COMRADES?

YOU ARE A LIAR.

I WANT TO APOLOGIZE ...
...FOR HURTING EVERYONE.
I WANT TO GO BACK AND SAY I'M SORRY.
THEY HATE YOU.
NO ONE WANTS YOU TO COME BACK.
I CAN SMELL THAT THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME.
BLUP
THAT ISN'T FOR YOU TO DECIDE.
THEY WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU.
YOU ARE THE INHERITOR OF MY WILL.
SILENCE.

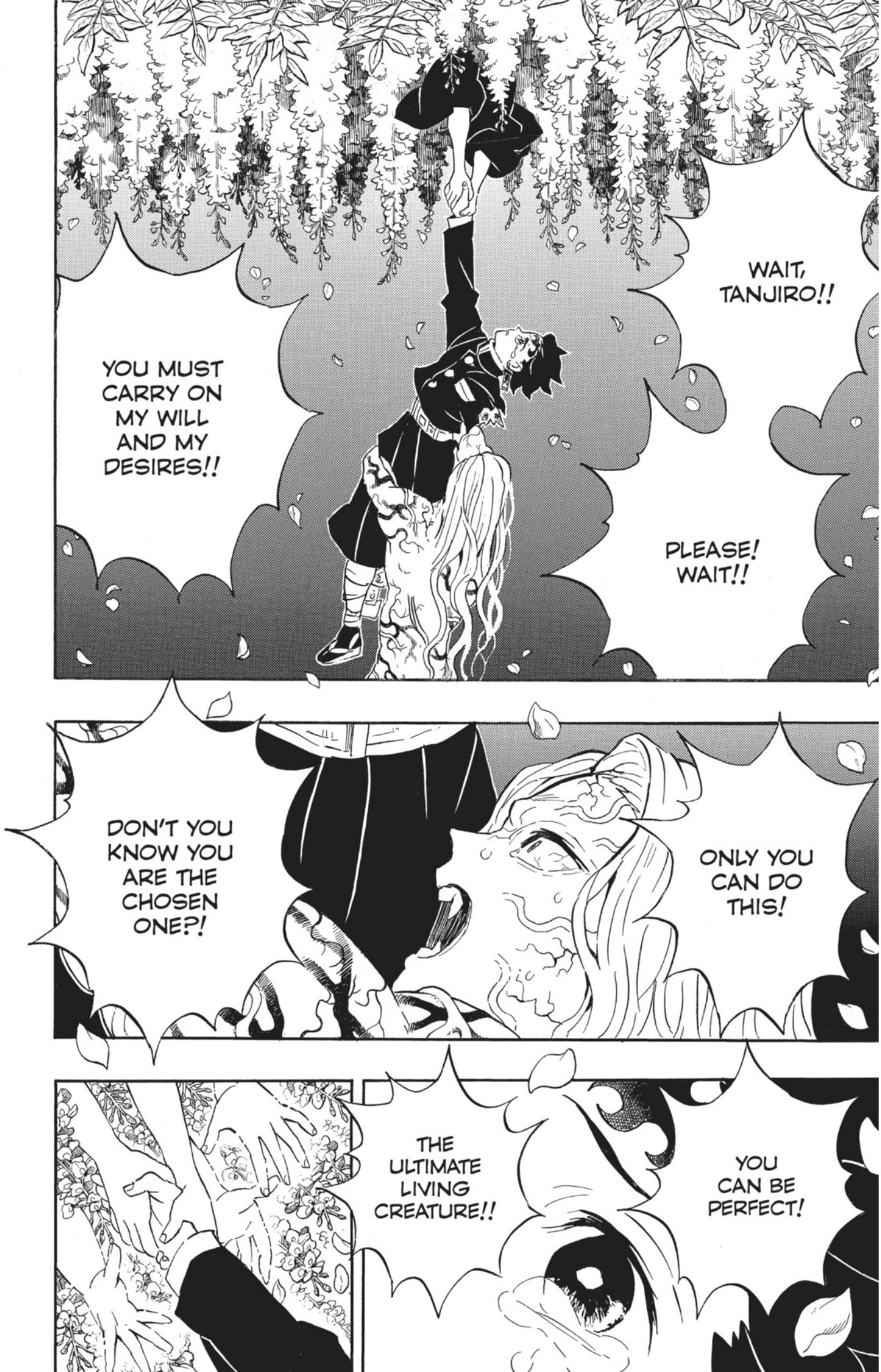
DO NOT LOOK FORWARD. DO NOT BELIEVE IN OTHERS. DO NOT FIND HOPE.
IF YOU AREN'T A DEMON, YOU WILL DIE IN A FEW YEARS.
YOU WILL PAY FOR MANIFESTING THE MARK.


THINK ONLY ABOUT YOURSELF.
TAKE HOLD OF THIS OPPORTU-NITY FOR EVERLAST-ING LIFE.
NO.
I'M GOING TO DIE AS A HUMAN.

I DON'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST DESIRE TO LIVE FOREVER. I DON'T NEED THAT.
I WANT TO GO BACK TO EVERY-ONE.
YOU ARE SCUM.
DO YOU WANT TO SURVIVE AND GO BACK...
...AFTER SO MANY OTHERS HAVE DIED?
BLUP
BLUP
DO YOU WANT TO BLITHELY LIVE ON WITH-OUT LOSING ANYTHING?

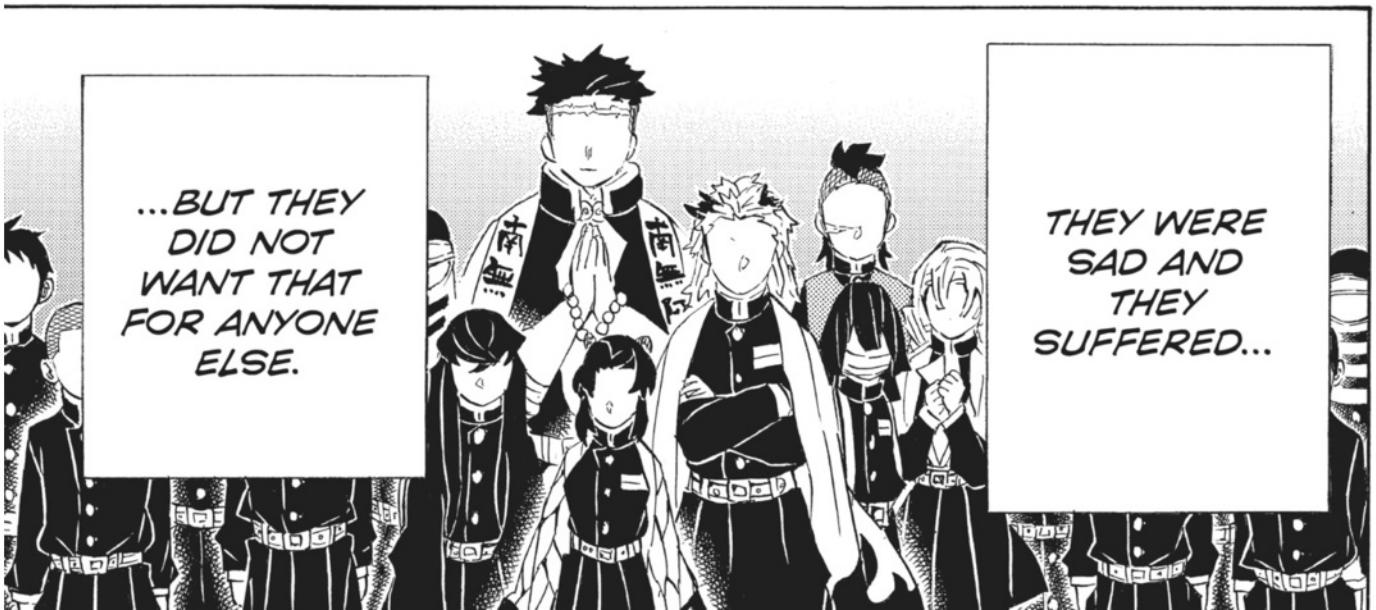
...THE AROMA OF WISTERIA.
I SMELL SHINOBU...
NO, THAT'S...
YOU'RE JUST IMAGINING THIS!
HAVE SOME SHAME AND STOP !!

NEZUKO...
LET GO OF HER HAND!
YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!!
WE'VE CONQUERED THE SUN!
TANJIRO, LET'S GO BACK.
YOU ARE A RARE BEING!
DON'T GO THAT WAY, TANJIRO!


WAIT, TANJIRO!!
YOU MUST CARRY ON MY WILL AND MY DESIRES!!
PLEASE! WAIT!!
DON'T YOU KNOW YOU ARE THE CHOSEN ONE?!
ONLY YOU CAN DO THIS!
THE ULTIMATE LIVING CREATURE!!
YOU CAN BE PERFECT!

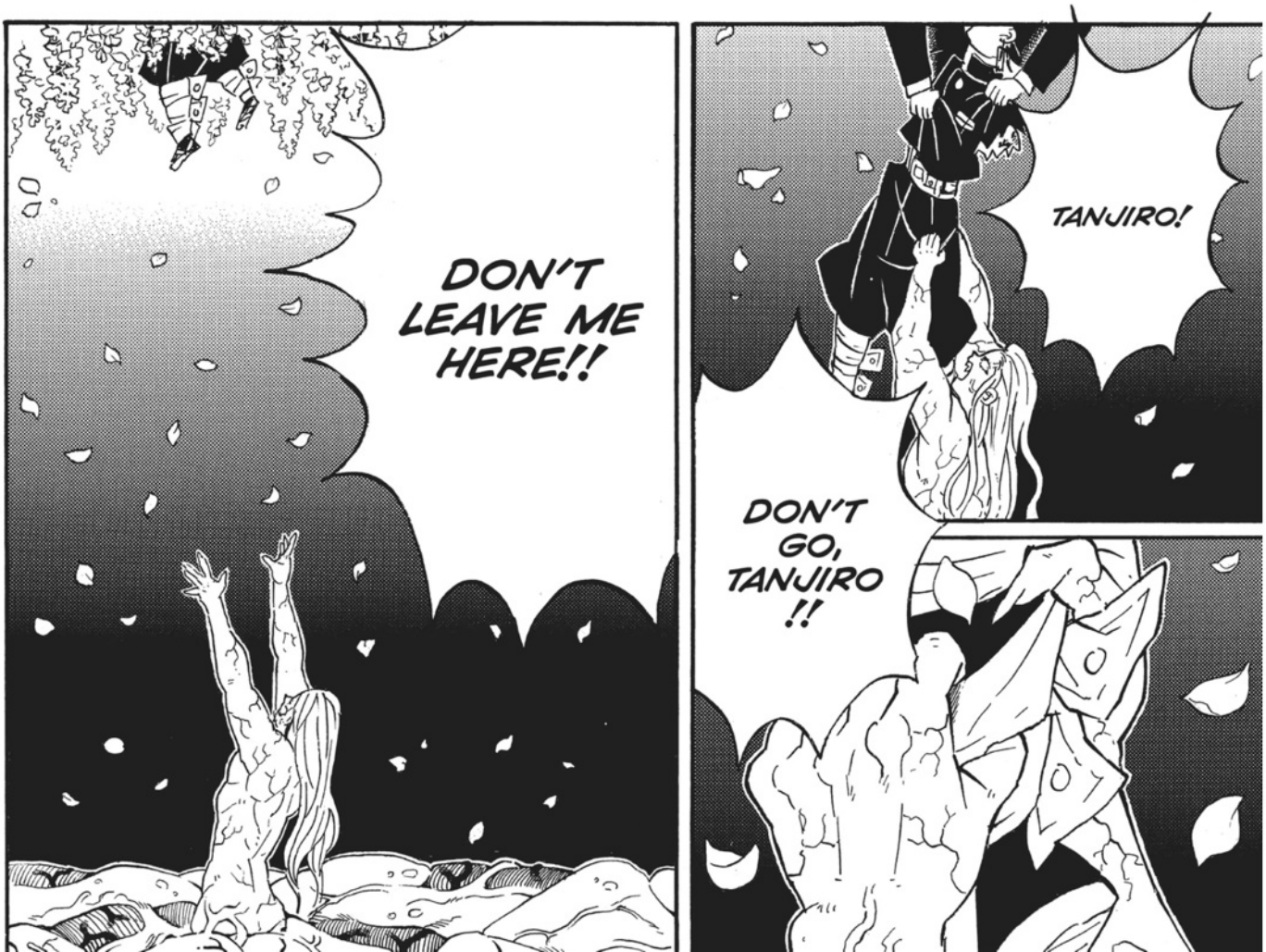
CAN'T YOU HEAR THE HATEFUL CRIES OF THE DEAD?!
THEY WANT TO KNOW WHY ONLY YOU SHOULD LIVE ON.
THEY LOST SO MUCH, BUT NOT YOU!

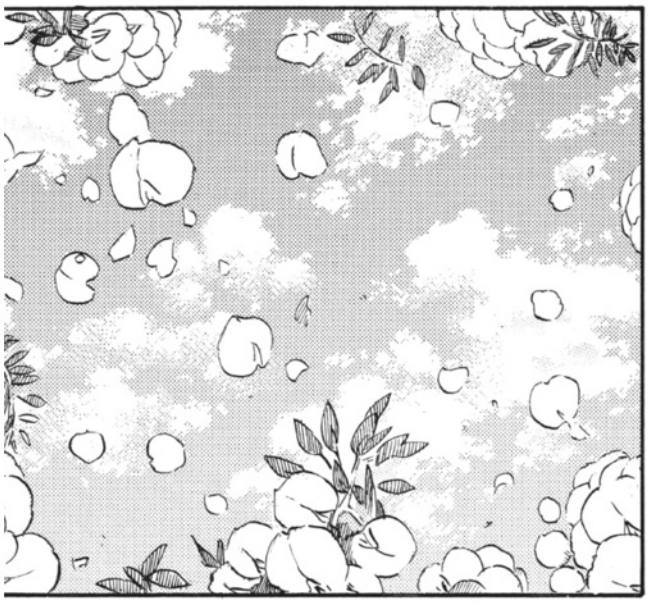
NO, THEY'RE NOT LIKE THAT.
THEY WERE WILLING TO RISK THEIR LIVES FOR OTHERS.


THEY WERE SAD AND THEY SUFFERED...
...BUT THEY DID NOT WANT THAT FOR ANYONE ELSE.

I CAN HEAR EVERYONE ...
TANJIRO, COME BACK!
DON'T GIVE IN!
THIS WAY, TANJIRO!

LET'S GO HOME!
LET'S GO BACK!


DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!!
TANJIRO!
DON'T GO, TANJIRO !!

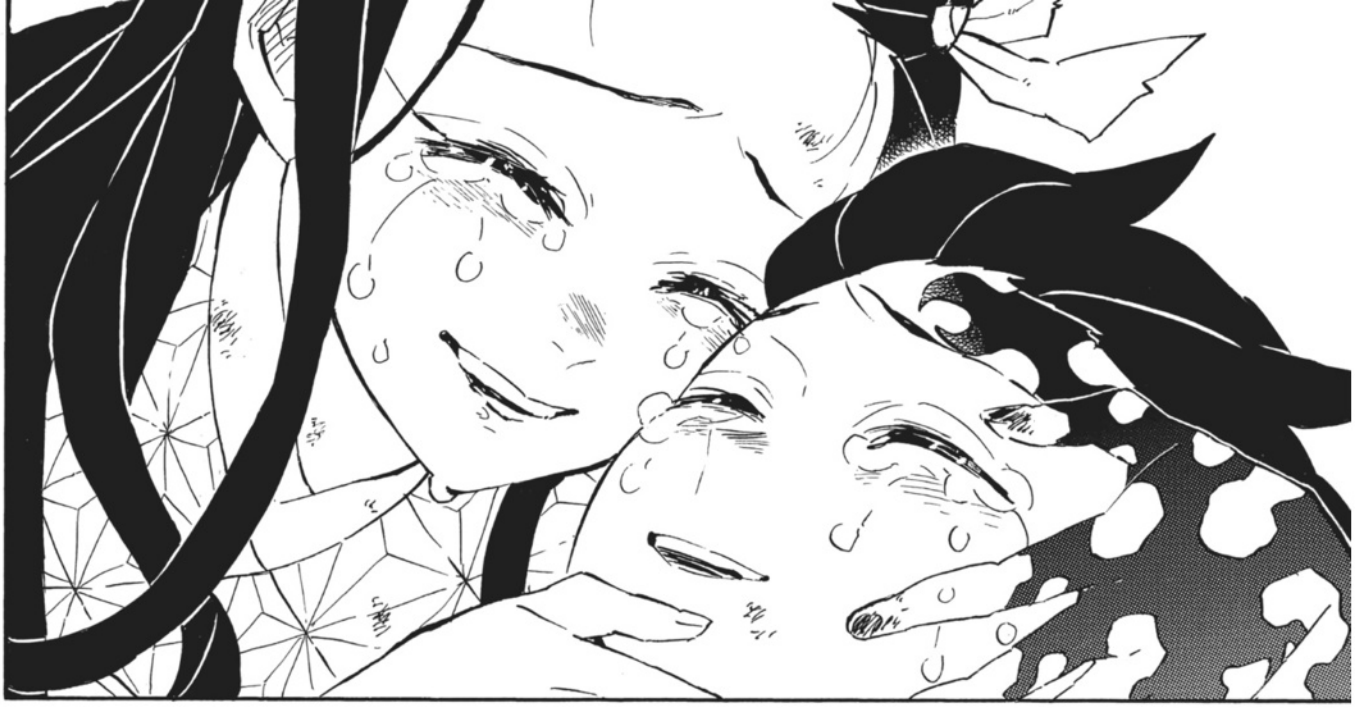


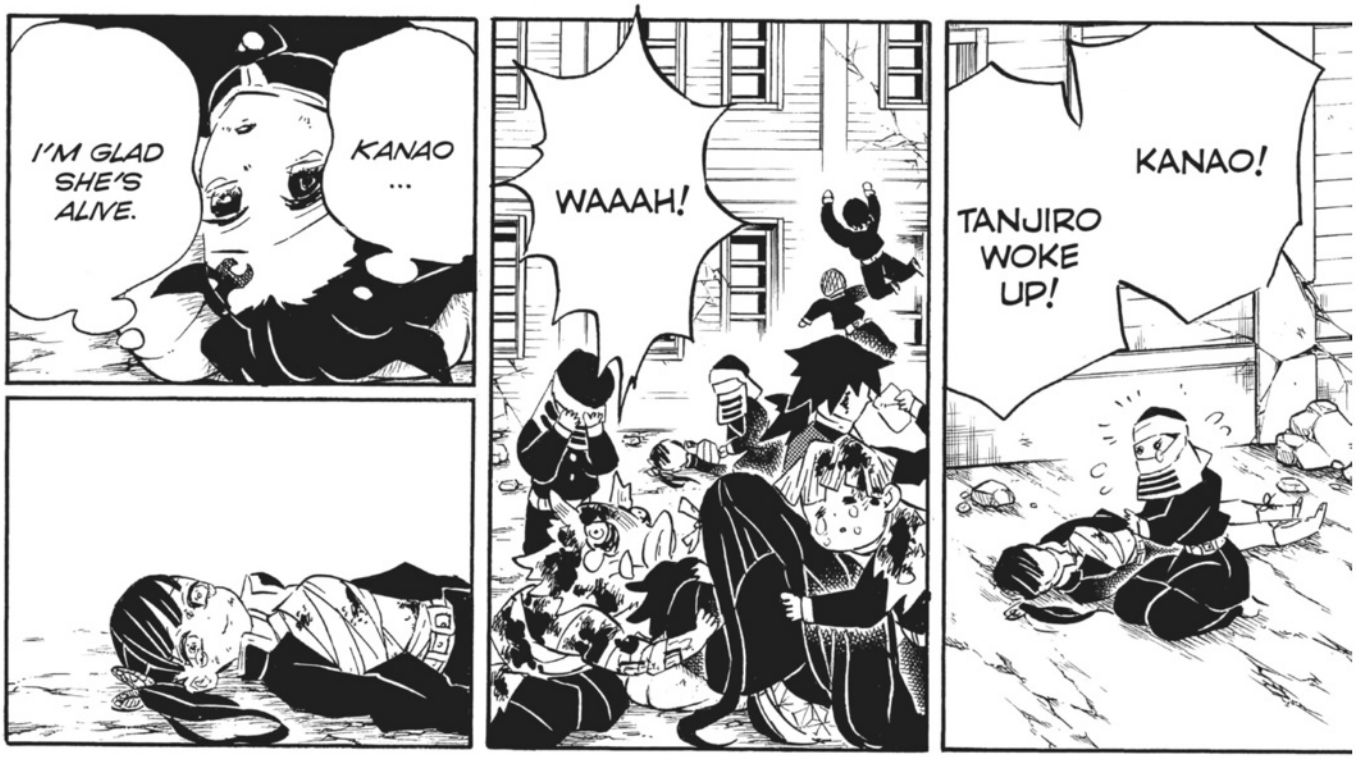
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M SORRY...
YOU'RE INJURED ...

TANJIROOO!
HE'S BAAACK!

SIIIGH...
...AND TO YOU TOO, MY WIFE.
I WILL MAKE HIM PAY HIS WHOLE LIFE FOR WHAT HE DID TO ME...
WIFE?
UHH...
HFF HFF HFF
YOU COULDN'T DO ANY-THING...
HFF
...TO HURT ME...
...THAT BAD!

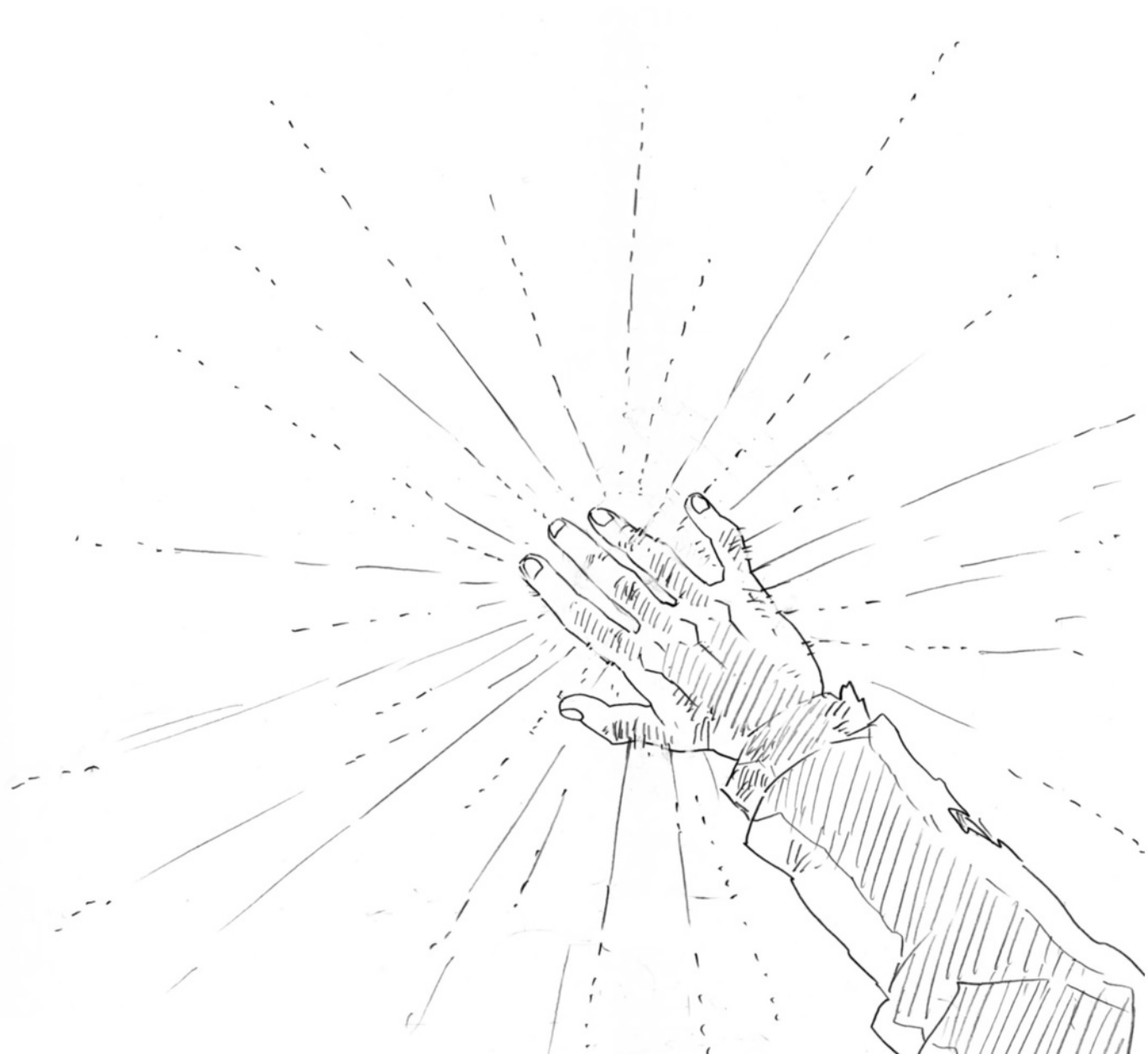
TANJIRO!!




I'M GLAD SHE'S ALIVE.
KANAO ...
WAAAH!
KANAO!
TANJIRO WOKE UP!

WAAAAH

HEH ...
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T DIE.
SNIFF
YAAY
YAAY
SNIFF
MEOW!
WHEW...
LADY TAMAYO...
SNF
...IT'S OVER.



THERE ARE NO LONGER EVIL DEMONS IN THE WORLD...
...OF MANY SACRIFICES.
...BUT THAT CAME AT THE COST...
NEVERTHELESS, WE MUST CONTINUE LIVING...
...AS LONG AS THERE'S A TOMORROW.

CHAPTER 204: A WORLD WITHOUT DEMONS

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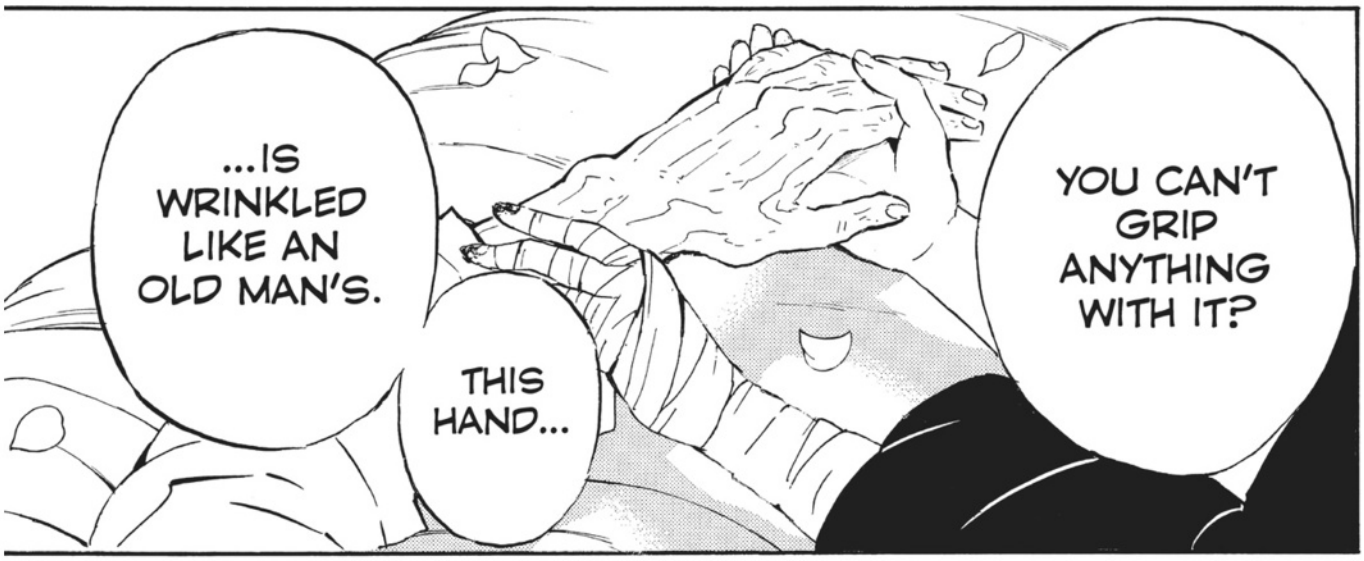
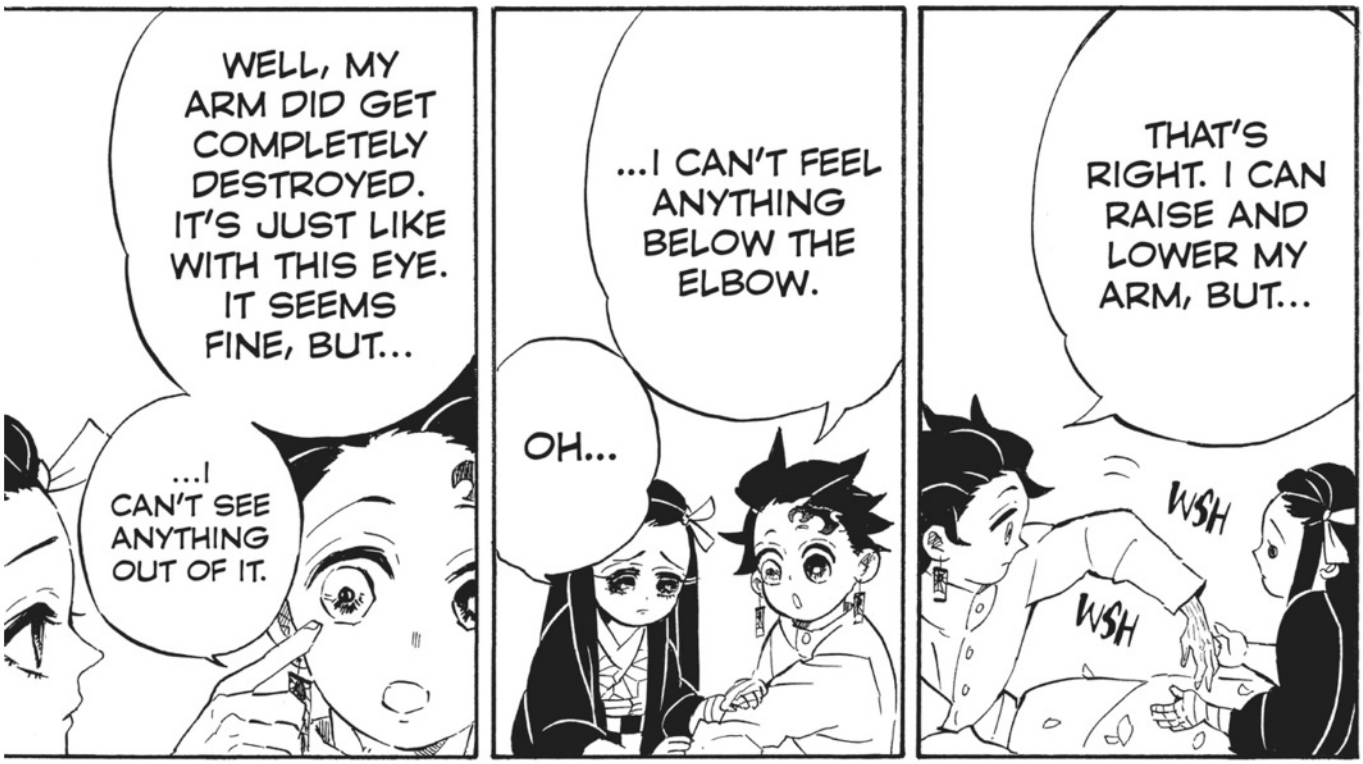
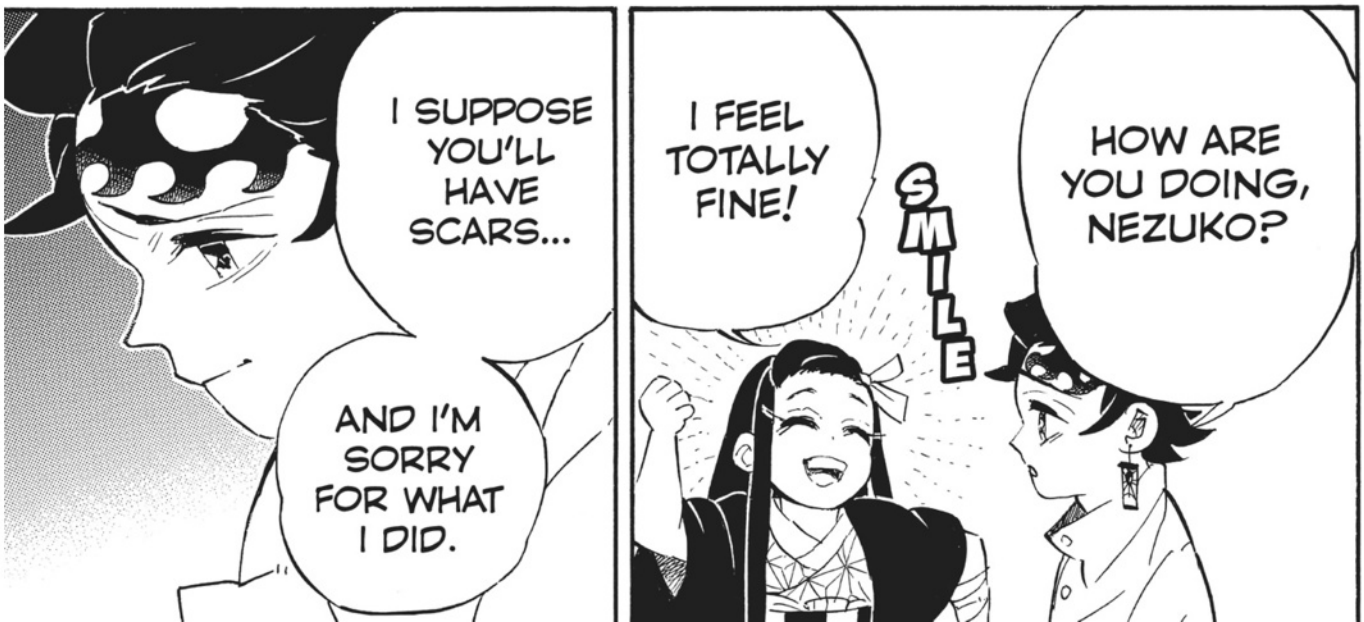
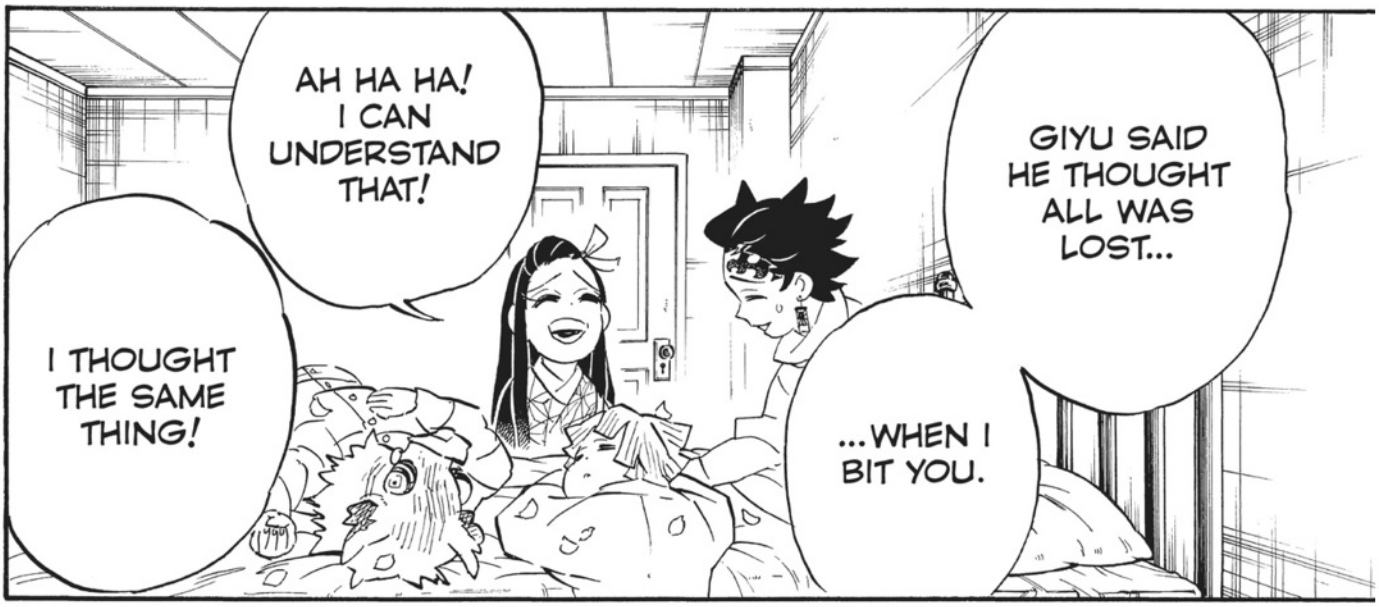
Wisteria Houses received word of the final battle, so many people spent the night praying for the corps members' safety and success. Exhausted crows went to inform them of victory.


...IS WRINKLED LIKE AN OLD MAN'S.
THIS HAND...
YOU CAN'T GRIP ANYTHING WITH IT?

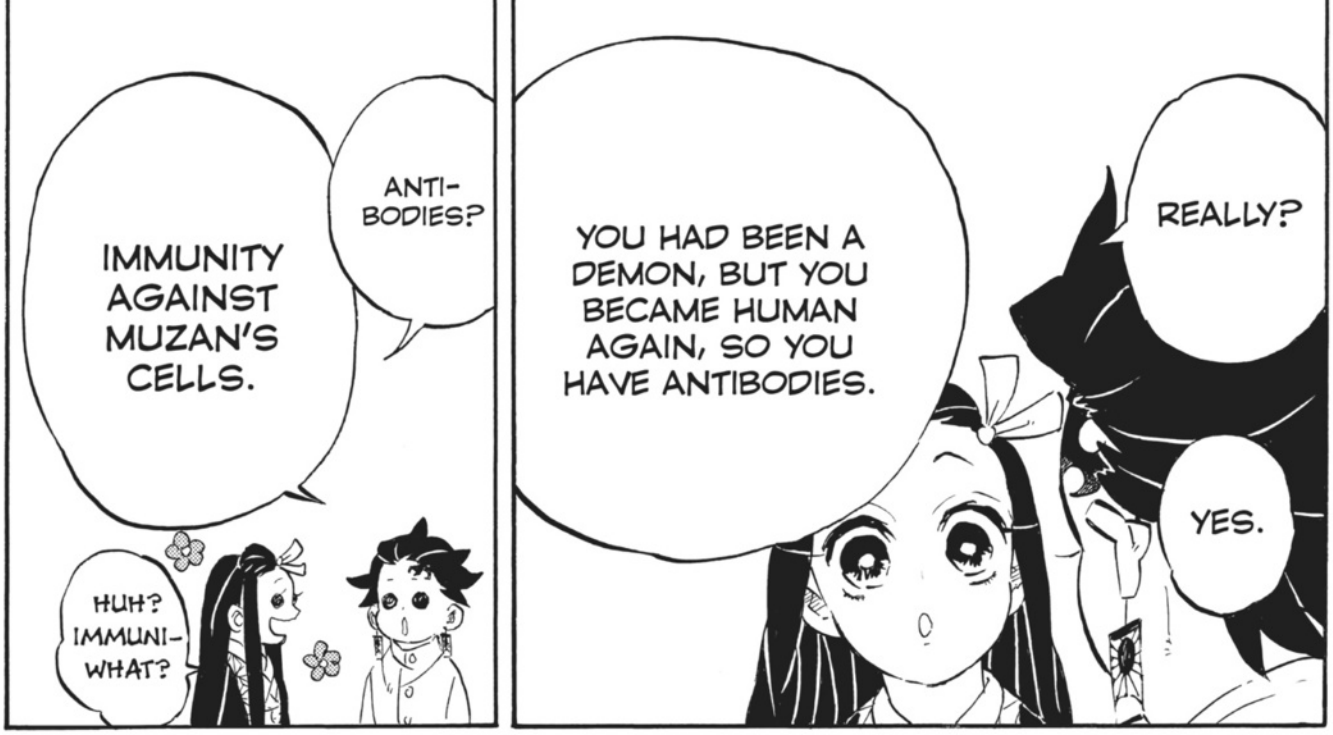

WELL, MY ARM DID GET COMPLETELY DESTROYED. IT'S JUST LIKE WITH THIS EYE. IT SEEMS FINE, BUT...
...I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING OUT OF IT.
...I CAN'T FEEL ANYTHING BELOW THE ELBOW.
OH...
THAT'S RIGHT. I CAN RAISE AND LOWER MY ARM, BUT...
WSH
WSH


I SUPPOSE YOU'LL HAVE SCARS...
AND I'M SORRY FOR WHAT I DID.
I FEEL TOTALLY FINE!
SMILE
HOW ARE YOU DOING, NEZUKO?

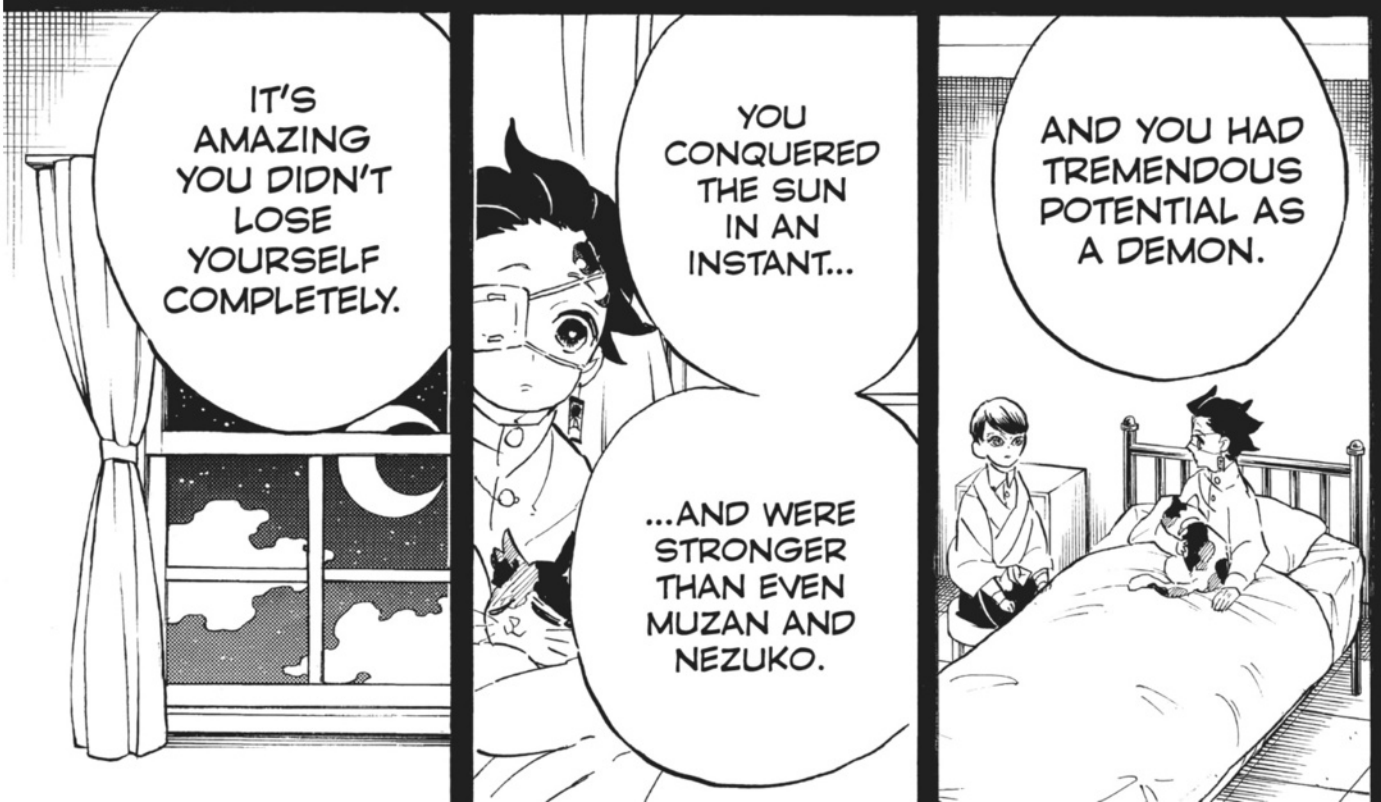
I'M GLAD YOU'RE HUMAN AGAIN.
SO DON'T APOLO-GIZE.
NO ONE CARES ABOUT THAT.
THE NEXT TIME YOU DO, I'LL FLICK YOUR FOREHEAD.


AH HA HA! I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT!
I THOUGHT THE SAME THING!
GIYU SAID HE THOUGHT ALL WAS LOST...
...WHEN I BIT YOU.

...AND THAT YOU WERE THE FIRST PERSON I BIT.
YUSHIRO SAID IT WAS LUCKY...
...THAT WE HAD SHINOBU'S MEDICINE...

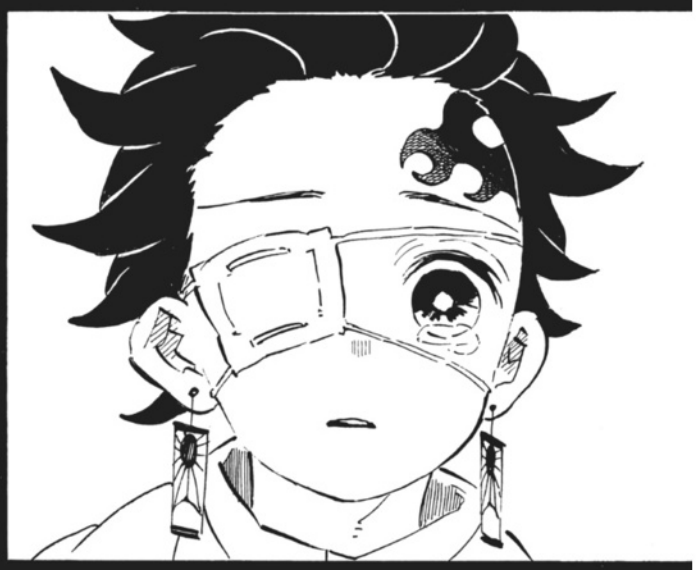

HUH? IMMUNI- WHAT?
IMMUNITY AGAINST MUZAN'S CELLS.
ANTI- BODIES?
YOU HAD BEEN A DEMON, BUT YOU BECAME HUMAN AGAIN, SO YOU HAVE ANTIBODIES.
YES.
REALLY?

YOU'RE VERY LUCKY.
...YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN HUMAN AGAIN.
WITHOUT SHINOBU'S DRUG OR NEZUKO...


IT'S AMAZING YOU DIDN'T LOSE YOURSELF COMPLETELY.
...AND WERE STRONGER THAN EVEN MUZAN AND NEZUKO.
YOU CONQUERED THE SUN IN AN INSTANT...
AND YOU HAD TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL AS A DEMON.

YOU FOUGHT VALIANTLY.
AND I ADMIRE THAT.

I HAD HELP FROM LOTS OF PEOPLE.
I...
NO...
I DIDN'T DO MUCH.



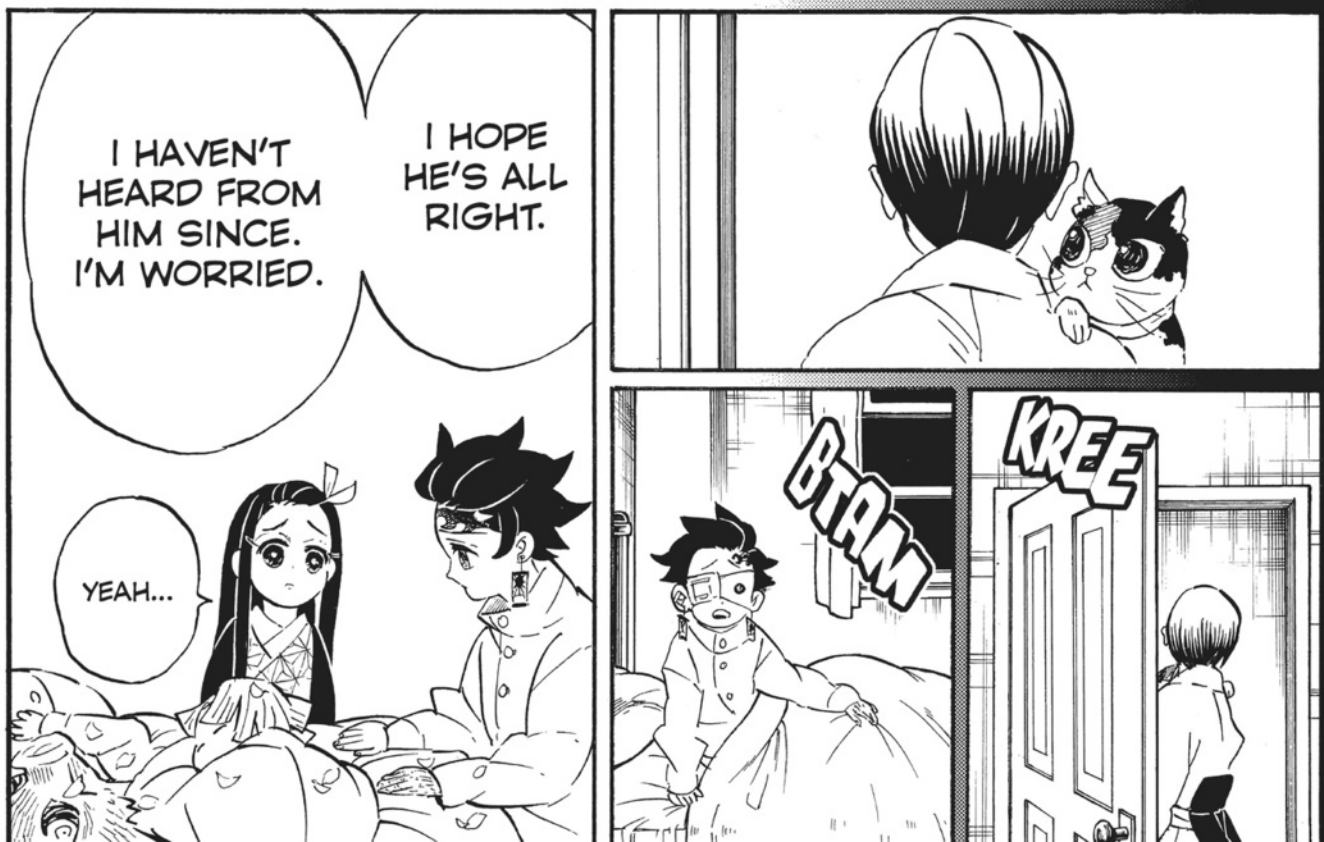
MEOW
GOOD-BYE.

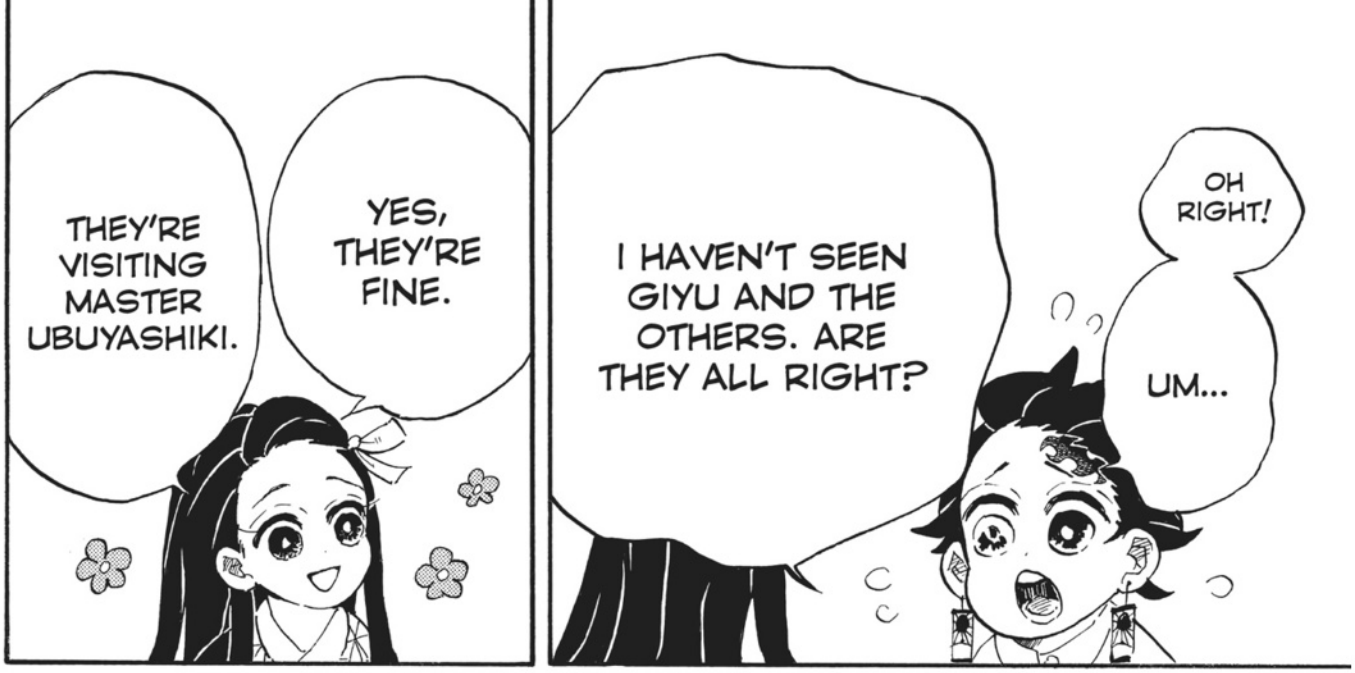
YOU'RE THE WORST! JUST SEEING YOUR FACE IRRITATES ME, SO I'M LEAVING!
SHF

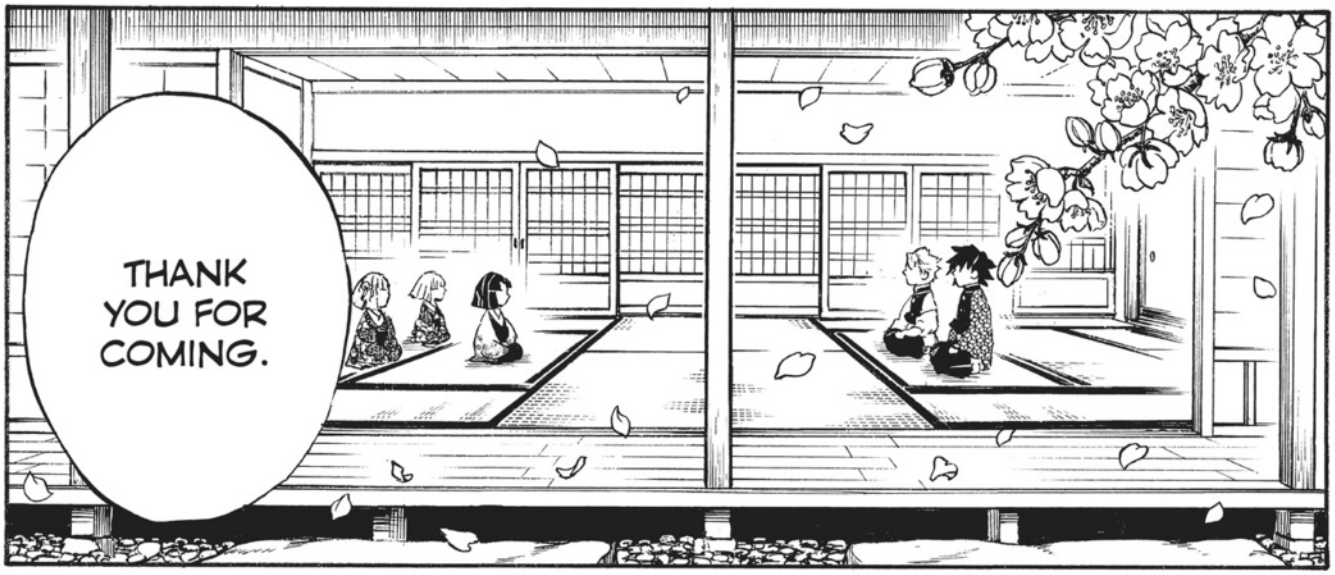
I WAS JOKING. DON'T TAKE IT SERIOUSLY, DUMMY.

YUSHIRO... DON'T DIE, OKAY?

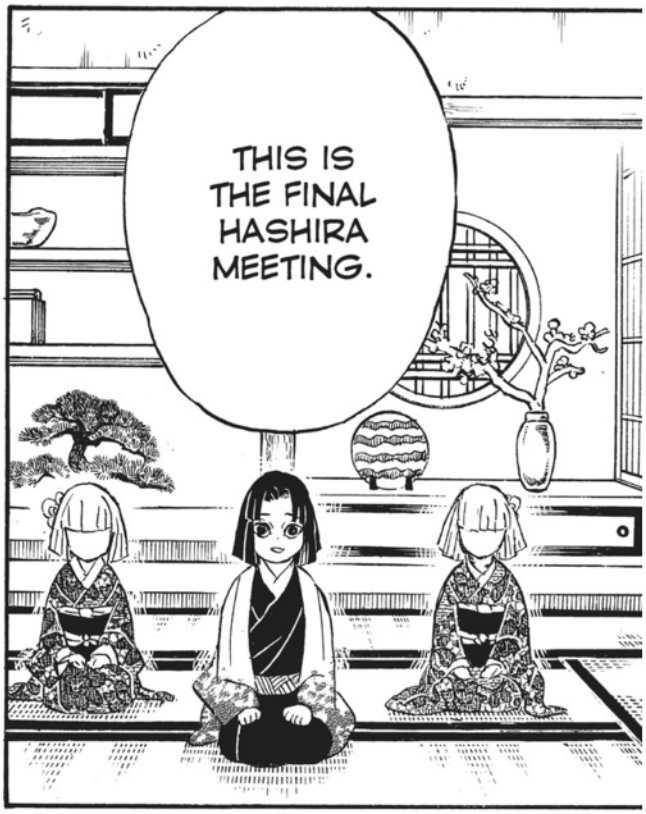
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN KEEP TAMAYO'S MEMORY ALIVE.


I HOPE HE'S ALL RIGHT.
I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM SINCE. I'M WORRIED.
YEAH...
BTAM
KREE


THEY'RE VISITING MASTER UBUYASHIKI.
YES, THEY'RE FINE.
I HAVEN'T SEEN GIYU AND THE OTHERS. ARE THEY ALL RIGHT?
UM...
OH RIGHT!

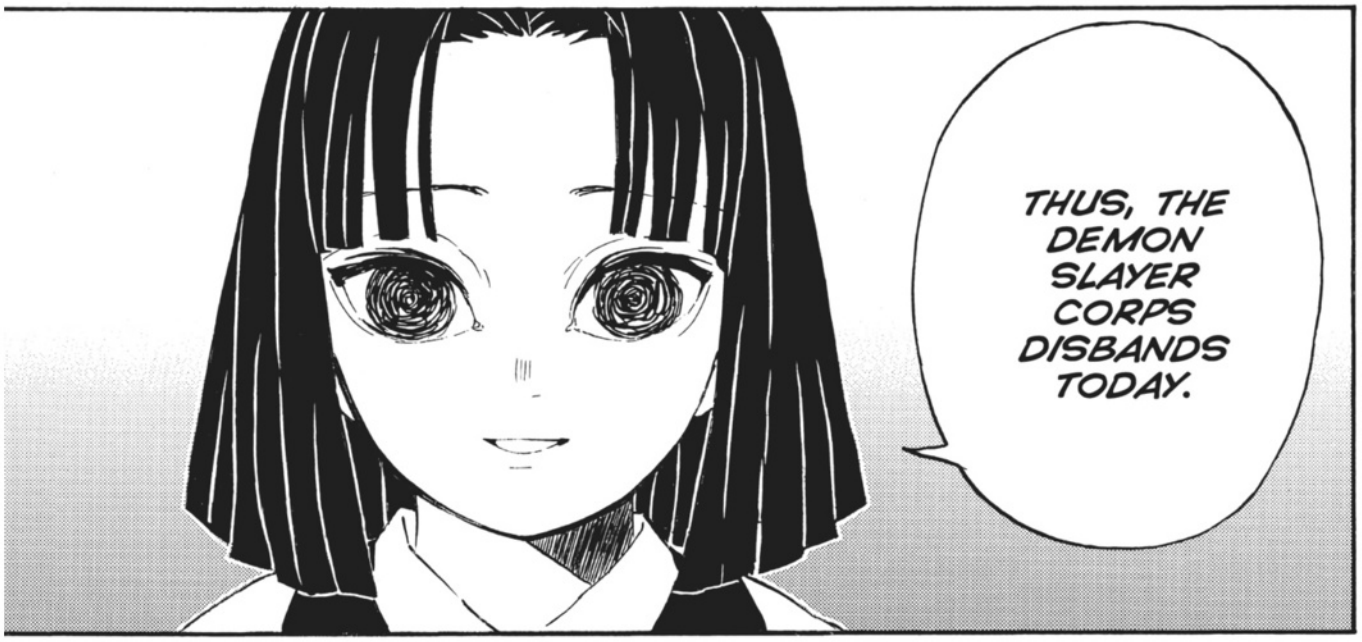

THANK YOU FOR COMING.

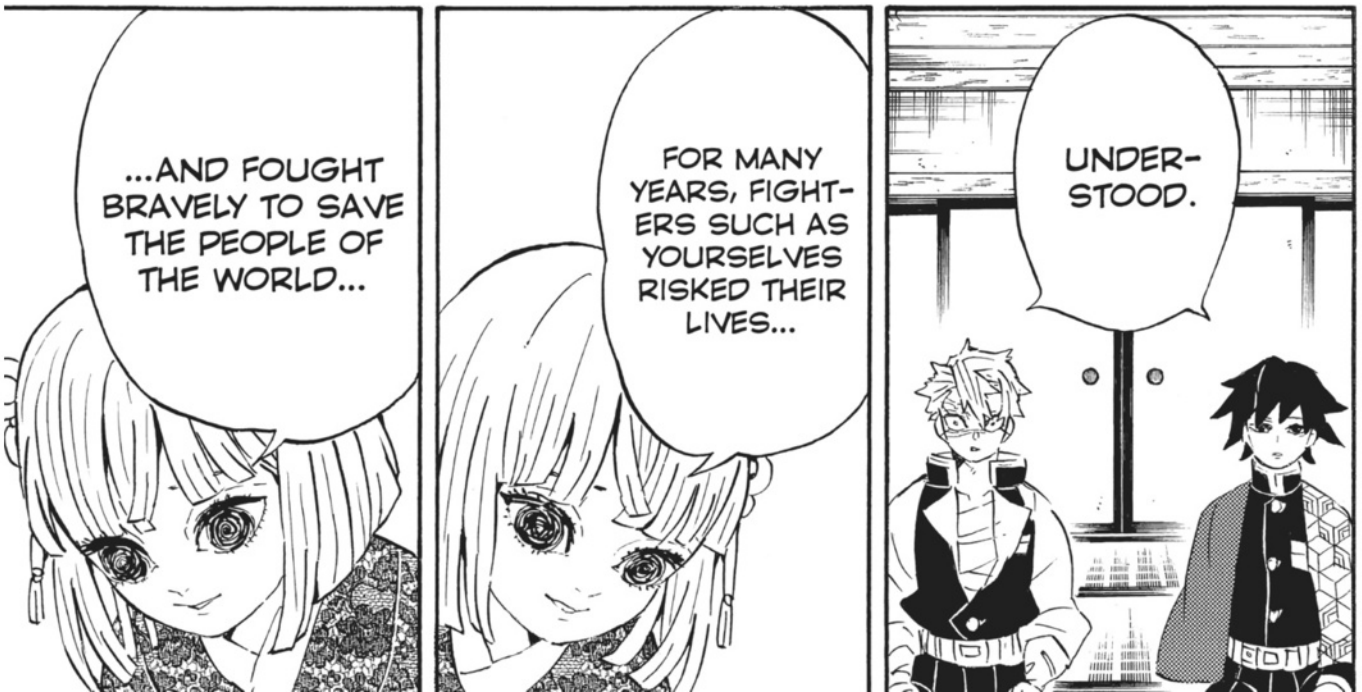
SANEMI.


THIS IS THE FINAL HASHIRA MEETING.

GIYU.

YOU ARE THE ONLY SURVIVING HASHIRA...
...AND MANY RANK-AND-FILE CORPS MEMBERS DIED.
HOWEVER, WE SUCCESSFULLY ERADICATED THE DEMONS.


THUS, THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS DISBANDS TODAY.

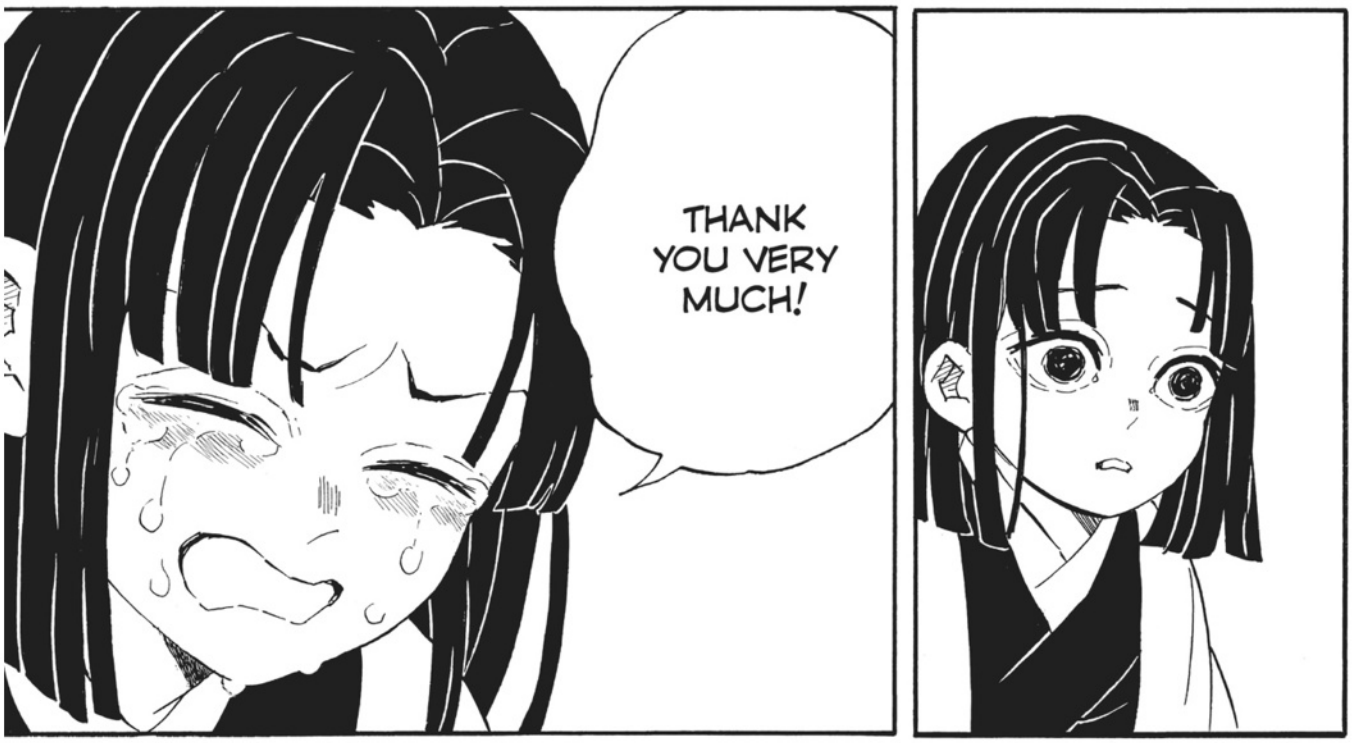

UNDER-STOOD.
FOR MANY YEARS, FIGHT-ERS SUCH AS YOURSELVES RISKED THEIR LIVES...
...AND FOUGHT BRAVELY TO SAVE THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD...

ALL OF US IN THE UBUYASHIKI FAMILY...
...EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE.

WE DON'T NEED ANY THANKS!
PLEASE, DON'T BOW!!

...IS WHAT HELD THE DEMON SLAYER CORPS TOGETHER!
THE UBUYASHIKI FAMILY...

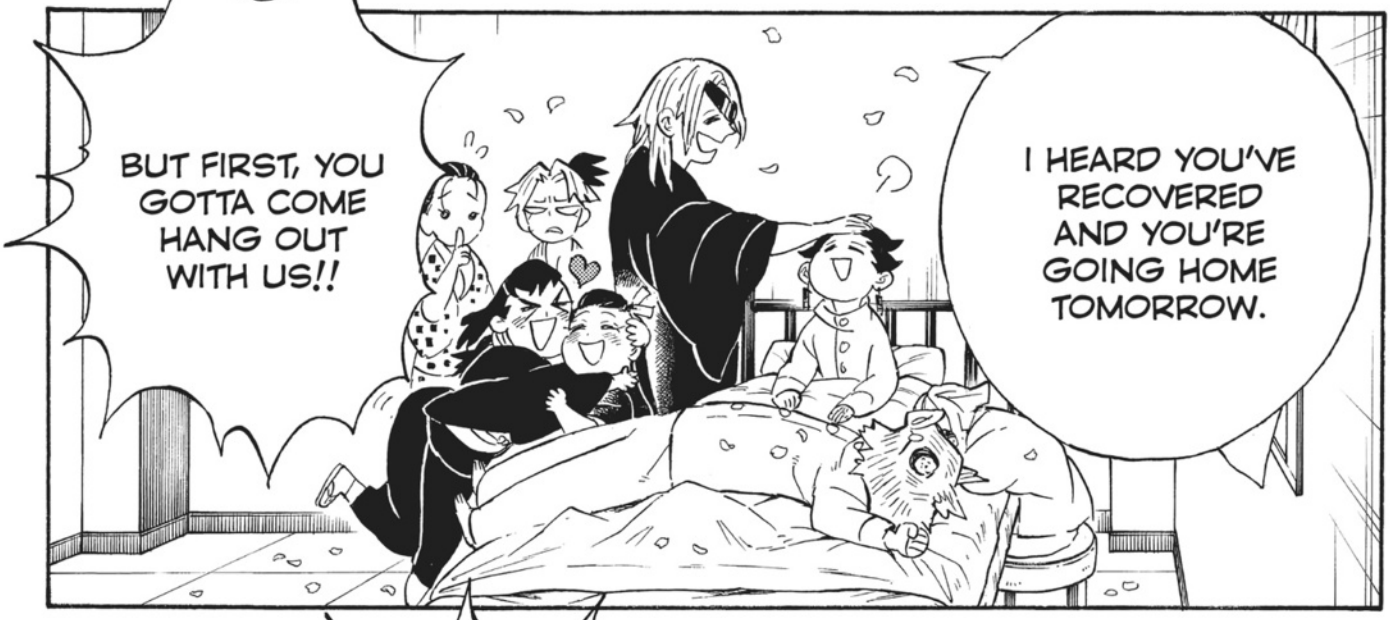
KIRIYA, YOU WERE AWESOME AT YOUR JOB.
YOUR FATHER AND ALL YOUR ANCESTORS...
...MUST BE VERY PROUD.

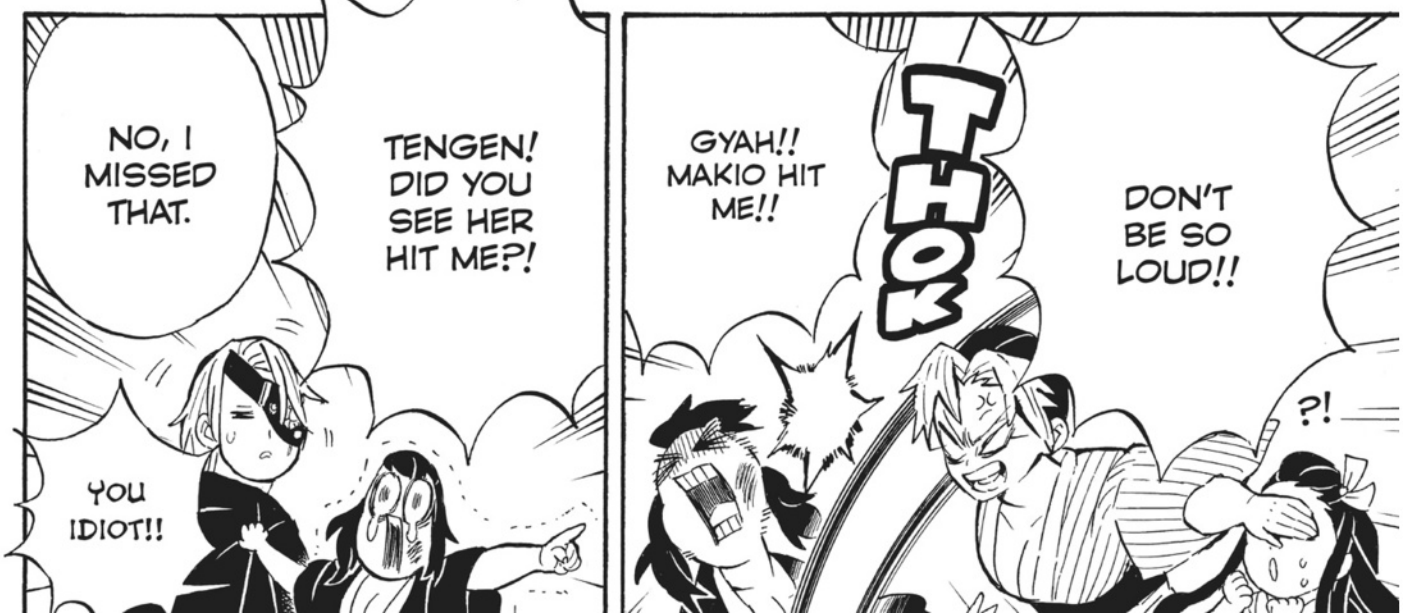

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

AAH...
WAH...

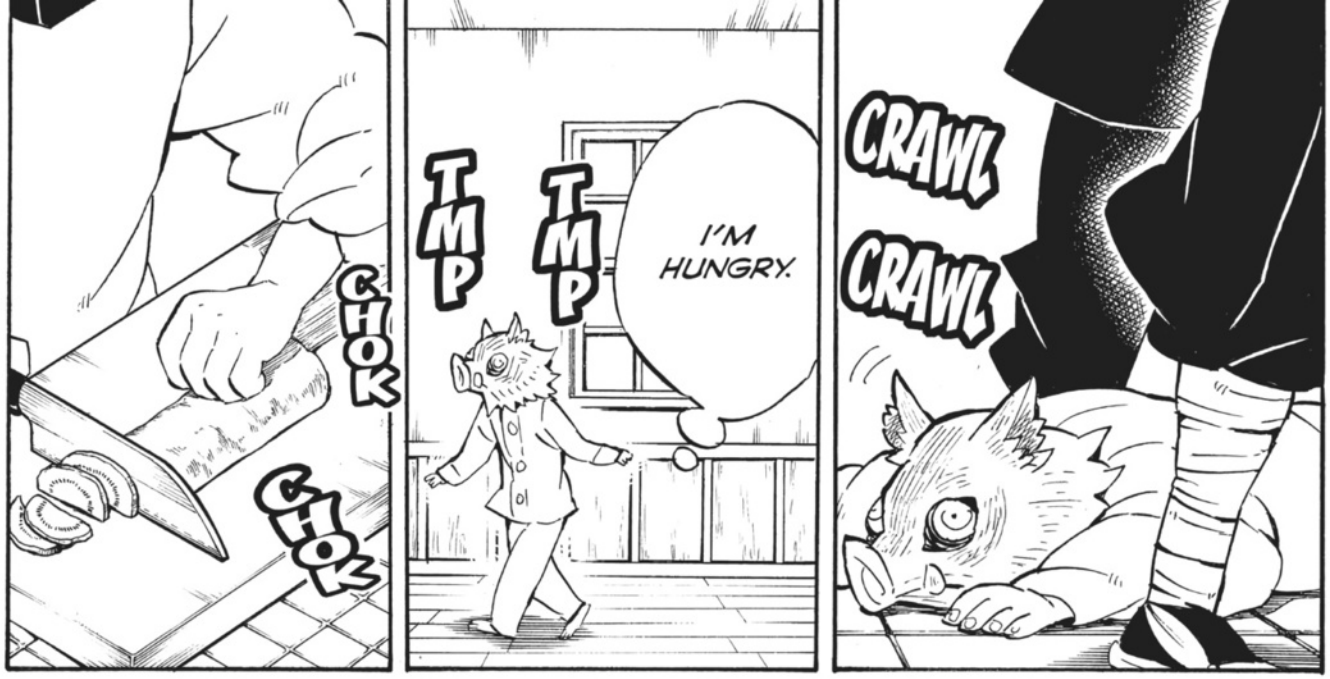
COME ON!
TUG TUG
HELLO! HURRY UP, DAD!
I'M COMING ...
OH, THANK YOU!
COME VISIT WHEN THINGS CALM DOWN. HERE'S OUR ADDRESS AND A SNACK.
UH, YEAH...
HA HA HA!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
...
SHF SHF
WHY SO STIFF? COME ON!
OH!
SENJURO AND SHINJURO!
I'M SURE HE WOULD BE PLEASED.
I HEARD YOU USED THE HAND GUARD FROM MY SON KYOJURO'S SWORD IN BATTLE.
THANK YOU.

NEZUKOOO!!
TANJIRO!!


I HEARD YOU'VE RECOVERED AND YOU'RE GOING HOME TOMORROW.
BUT FIRST, YOU GOTTA COME HANG OUT WITH US!!

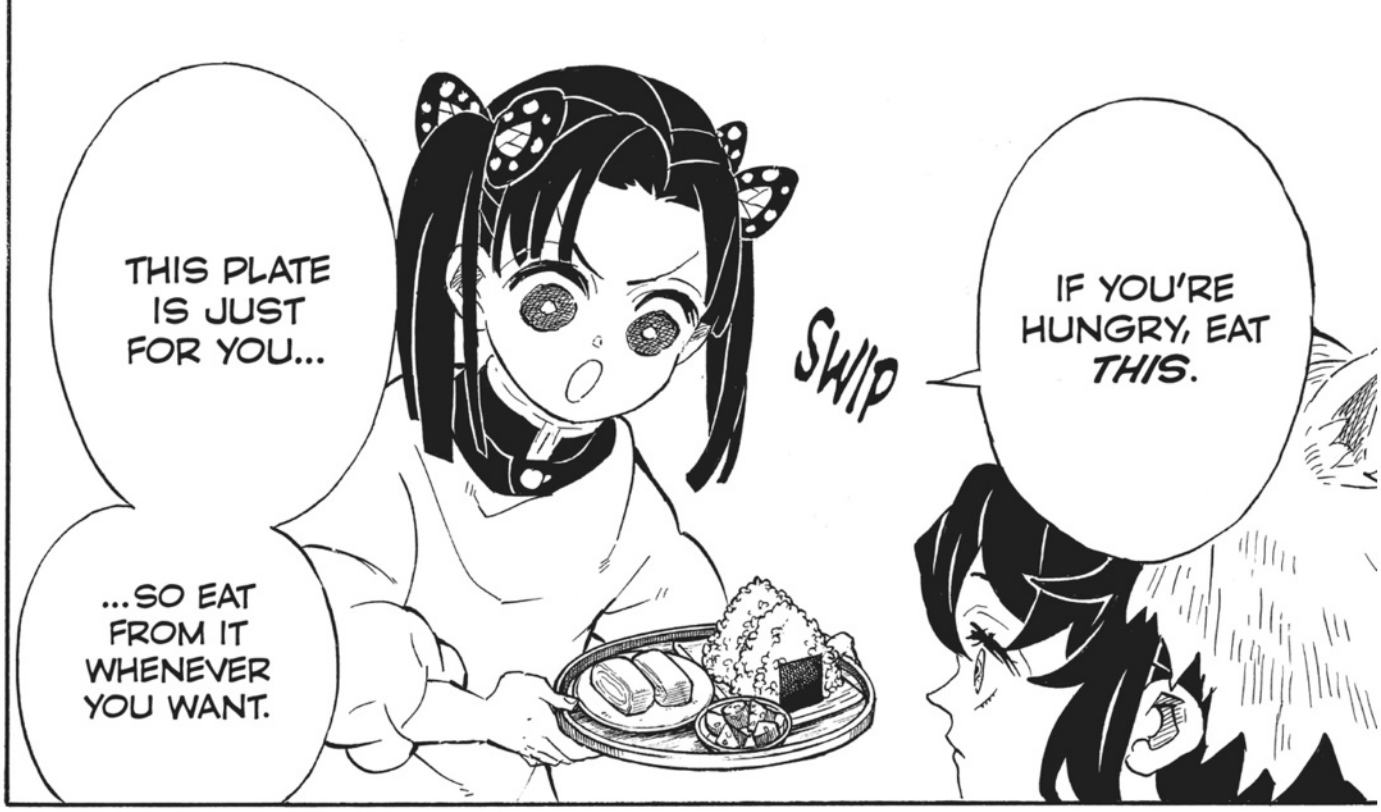

DON'T BE SO LOUD!!
THOK
GYAH!! MAKIO HIT ME!!
?!
TENGEN! DID YOU SEE HER HIT ME?!
NO, I MISSED THAT.
YOU IDIOT!!

UGH... IT'S TOO NOISY IN HERE...
I'M THANKFUL FOR THAT.
HIS WORDS GAVE ME STRENGTH.
DON'T MENTION IT!
THEY COME EVERY DAY AND CREEP ME OUT!
GAH!! THE HYOTTOKO GANG IS HERE AGAIN!
THEY'RE FILLING UP THE WHOLE ROOM!!
WHY DO THEY ALL SHOW UP AT THE SAME TIME?!
AND THERE'S *MORE* OF THEM?!


CHOK
CHOK
TMP
TMP
I'M HUNGRY.
CRAWL
CRAWL

NOM
NOM
CHOK
CHOK
CHOK
SHEF

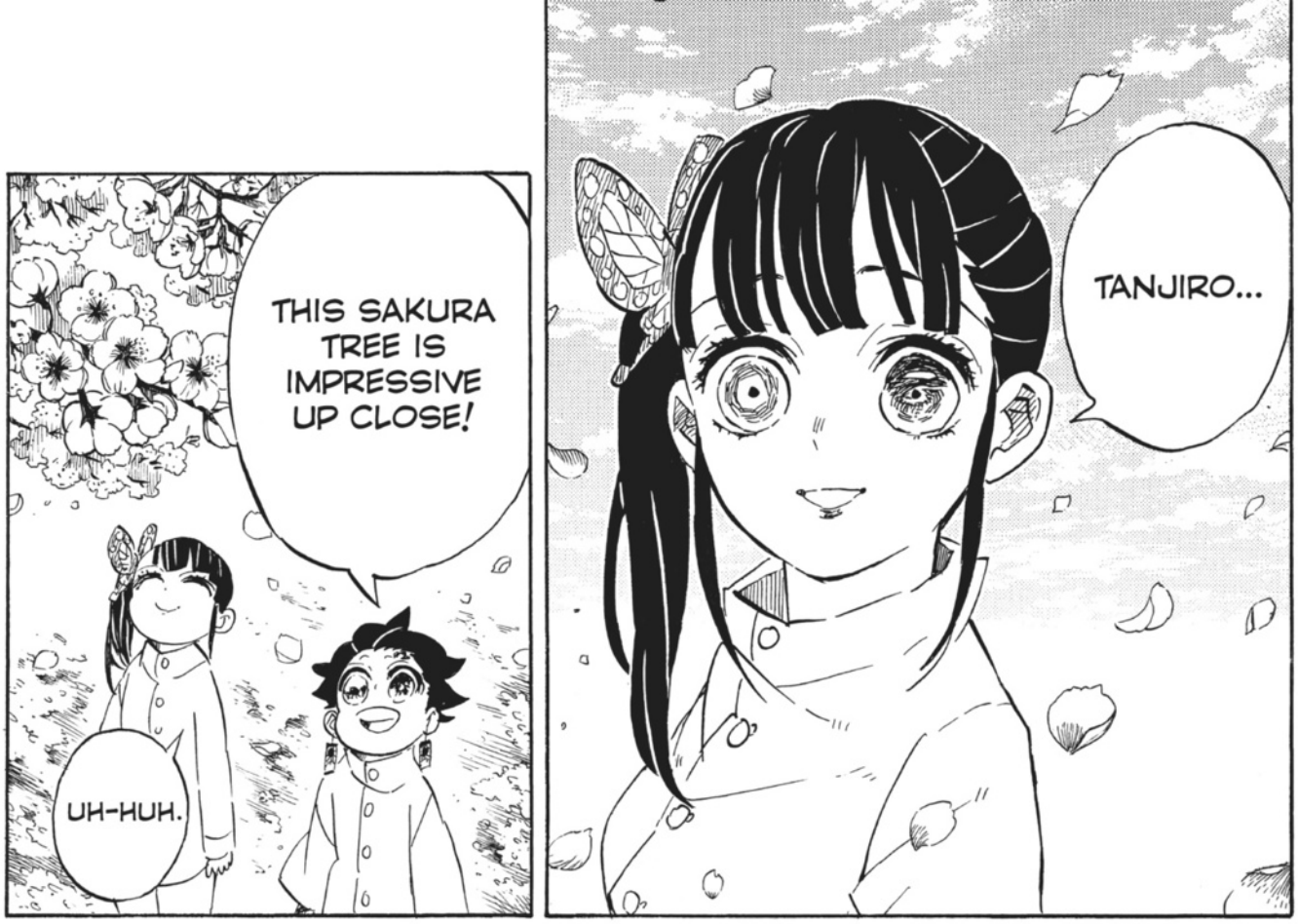
BUT YOUR MOUTH IS FULL!
N...
NO I'M NOT!!
HEY!
YOU'RE STEAL-ING FOOD AGAIN!!
MAYBE SHE'S STRONG...
HOW DOES SHE NOTICE SO FAST?!

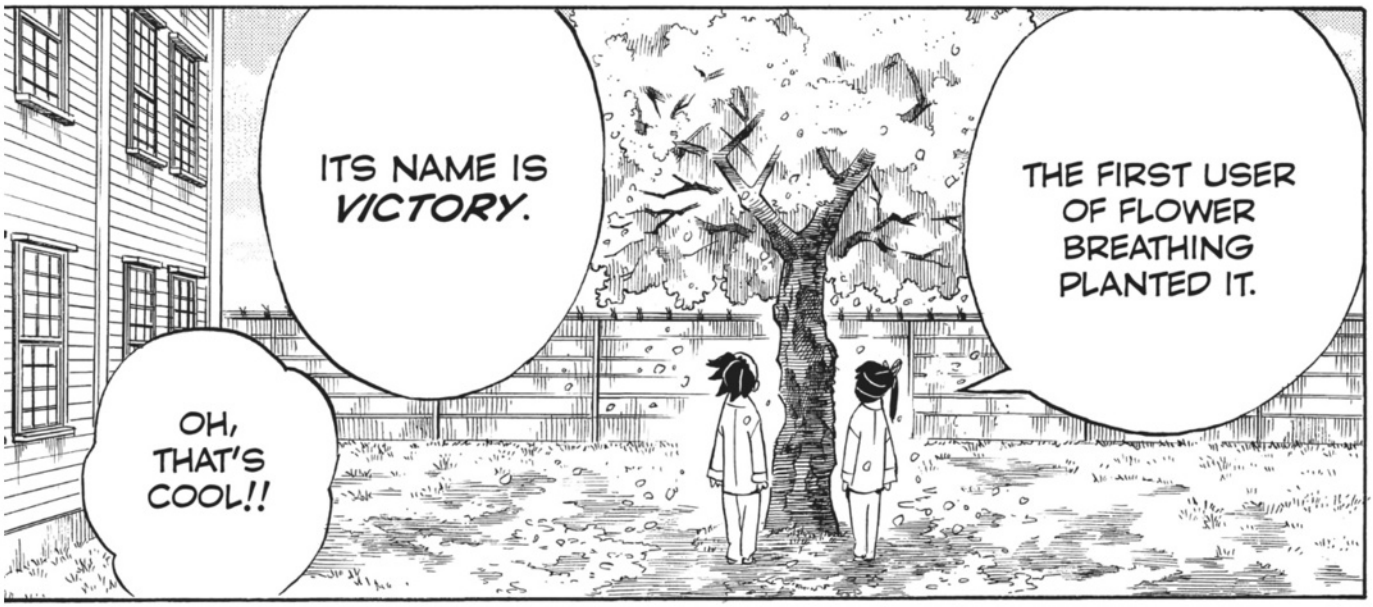

THIS PLATE IS JUST FOR YOU...
...SO EAT FROM IT WHENEVER YOU WANT.
SWIP
IF YOU'RE HUNGRY, EAT *THIS*.

CHOK
CHOK
CHOK

BUT STOP STEALING FOOD!
...

KANAO...

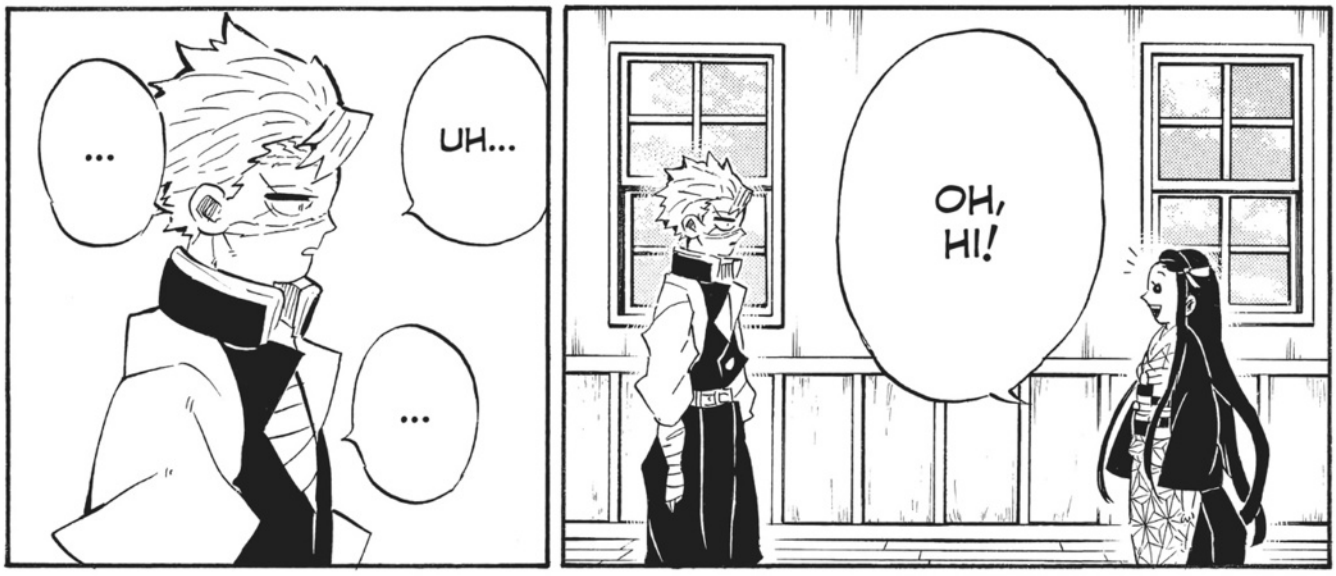

THIS SAKURA TREE IS IMPRESSIVE UP CLOSE!
UH-HUH.
TANJIRO...

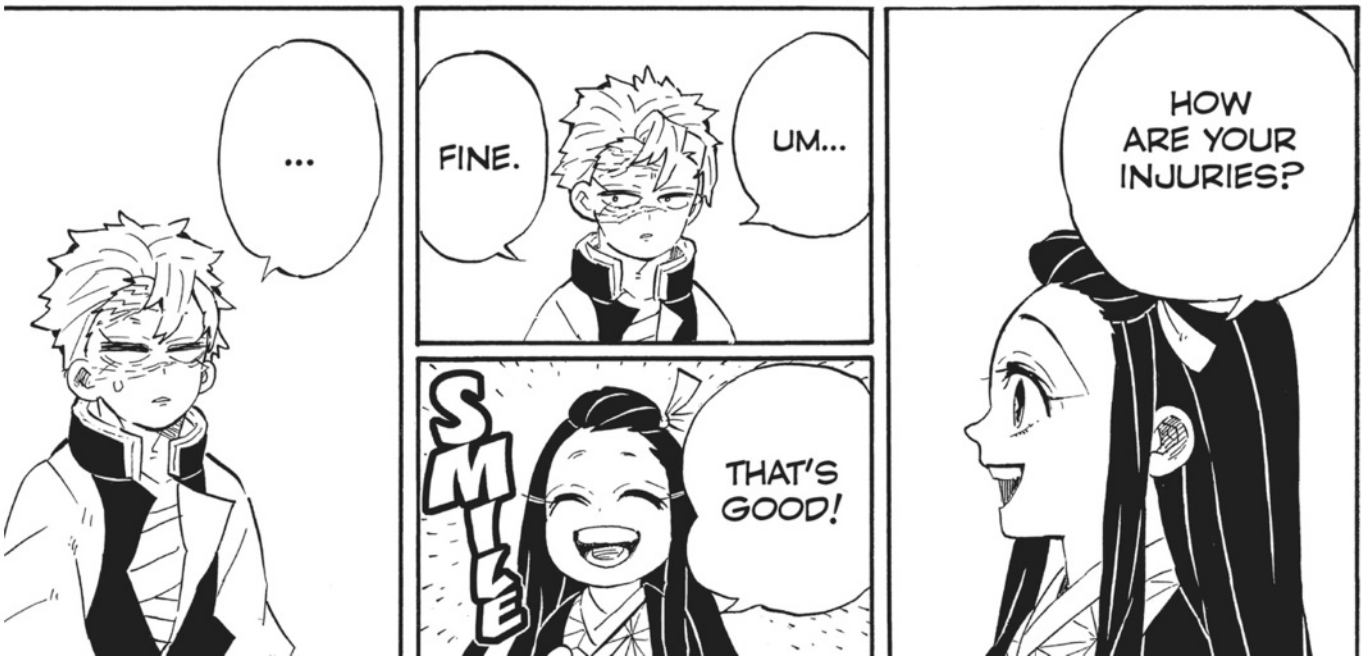

ITS NAME IS *VICTORY*.
THE FIRST USER OF FLOWER BREATHING PLANTED IT.
OH, THAT'S COOL!!

YEAH.
HOW KIND OF HER.
...THAT WE SUC-CEEDED.
I WANTED TO TELL IT...

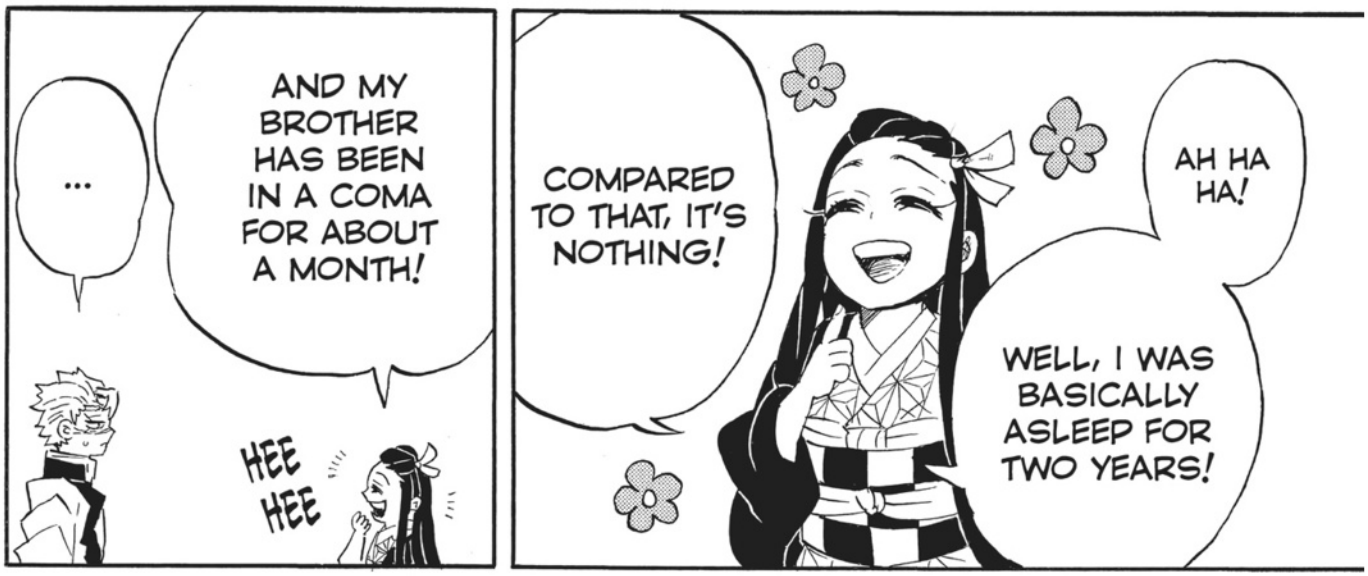
I'M FINE.
I STILL HAVE SOME VISION.
HOW'S THE WOUND?
IS...
...YOUR EYE ALL RIGHT?
HUH?! REALLY? I SHOULD SAY HELLO!
YOU SHOULD!
THE WIND HASHIRA CAME EARLIER TOO.
...
AND THE WOUND DOESN'T HURT ANY-MORE.
REALLY?
YES.
HE GAVE ME THE SERPENT HASHIRA'S SIDEKICK, KABURAMARU.
IT'S VERY INTELLIGENT.
SLITHR
I THINK HE'S STILL HERE.

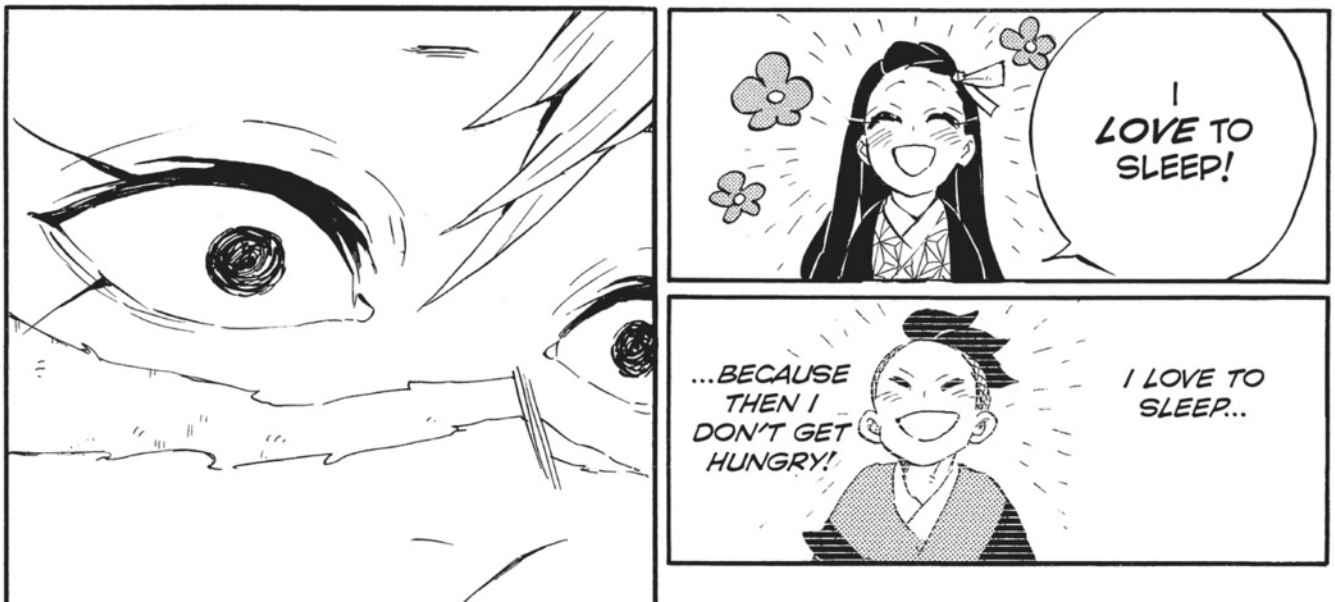
WHOA!! KABURAMARU!! I SEE... WELL, THAT'S GOOD!
It's chilly today.

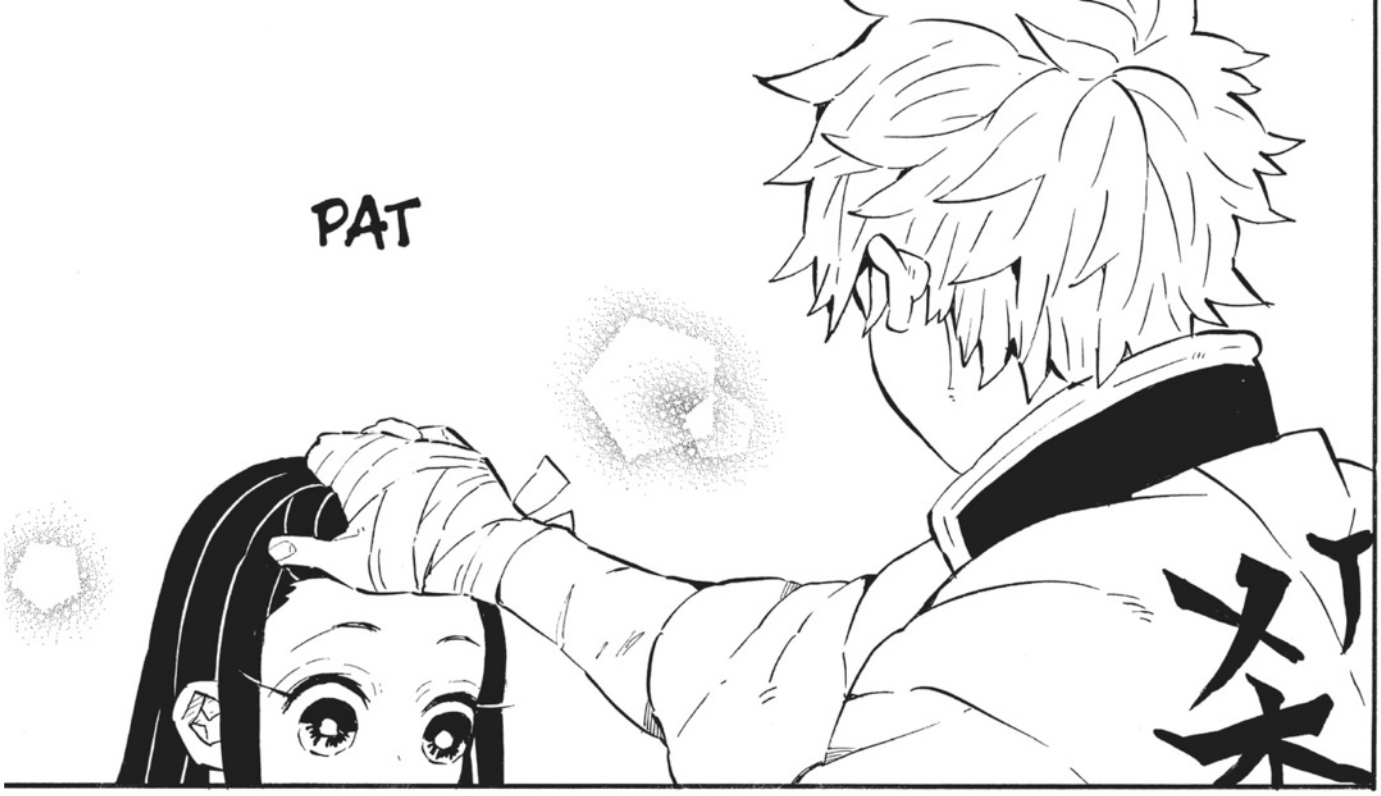

...
UH...
...
OH, HI!


...
FINE.
UM...
SMILE
THAT'S GOOD!
HOW ARE YOUR INJURIES?

I'M SORRY.
I HEARD THERE WAS TROUBLE AFTER THE DEFEAT OF MUZAN...
...BUT I WAS UNCON-SCIOUS.


AND MY BROTHER HAS BEEN IN A COMA FOR ABOUT A MONTH!
...
HEE HEE
COMPARED TO THAT, IT'S NOTHING!
AH HA HA!
WELL, I WAS BASICALLY ASLEEP FOR TWO YEARS!


I *LOVE* TO SLEEP!
...BECAUSE THEN I DON'T GET HUNGRY!
I LOVE TO SLEEP...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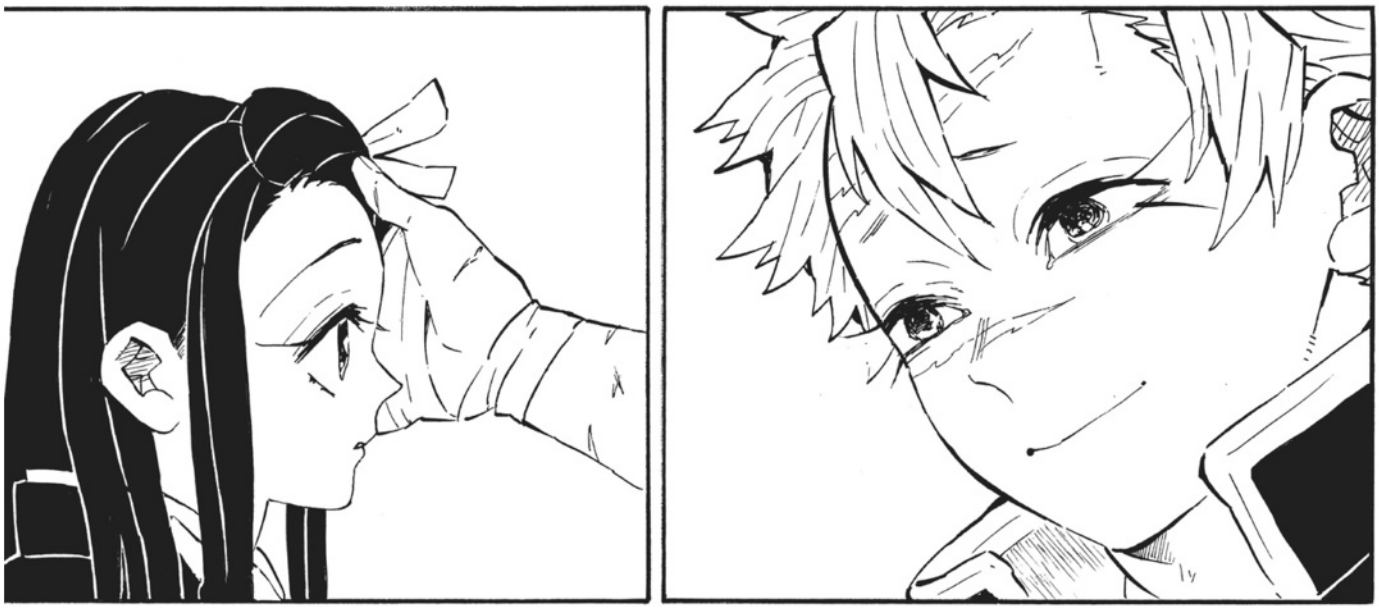
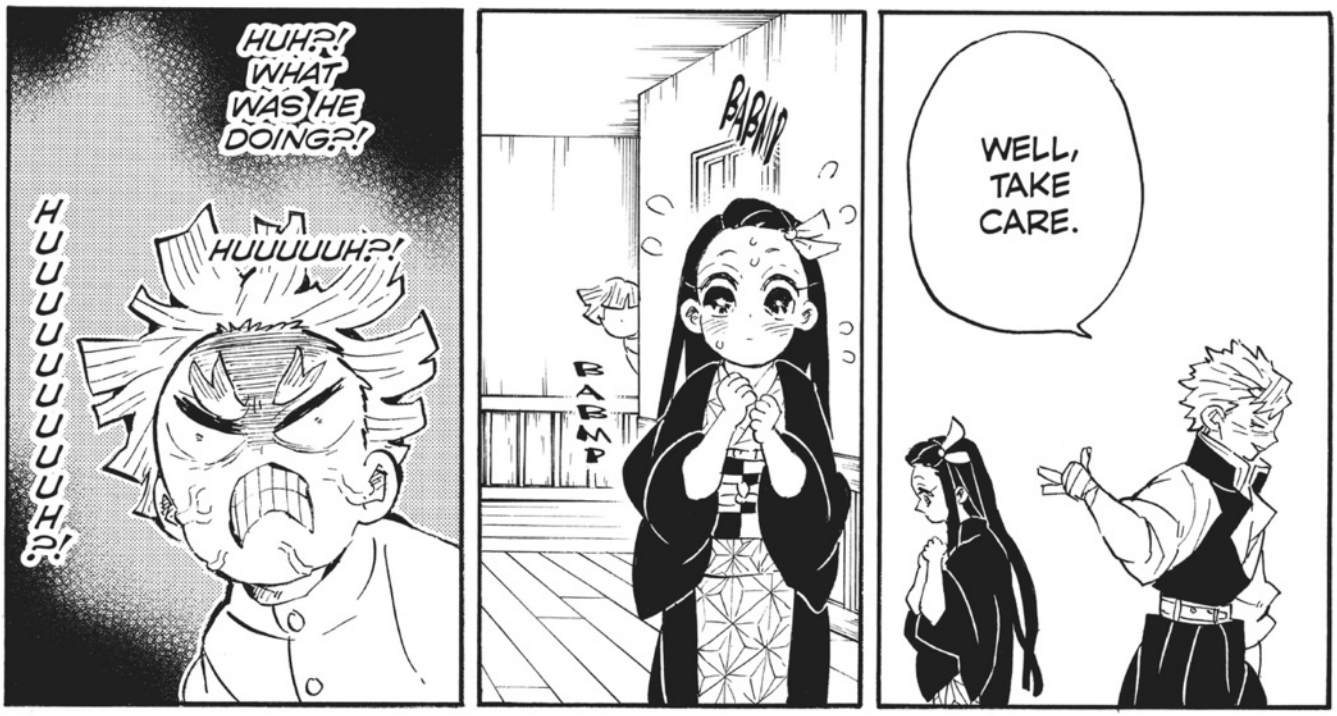
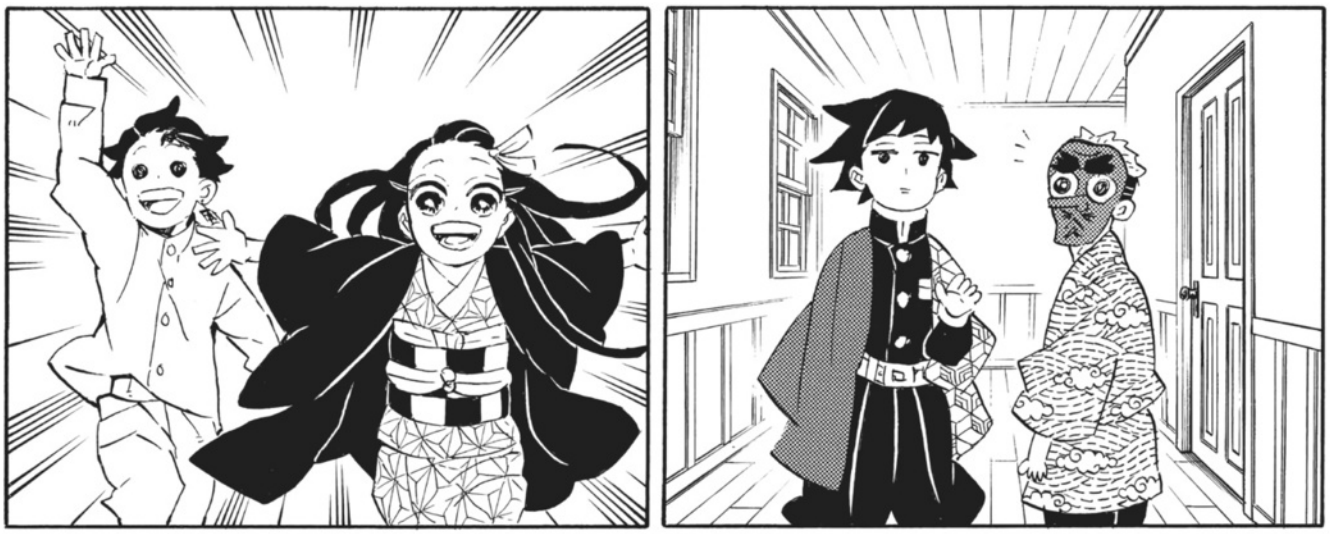
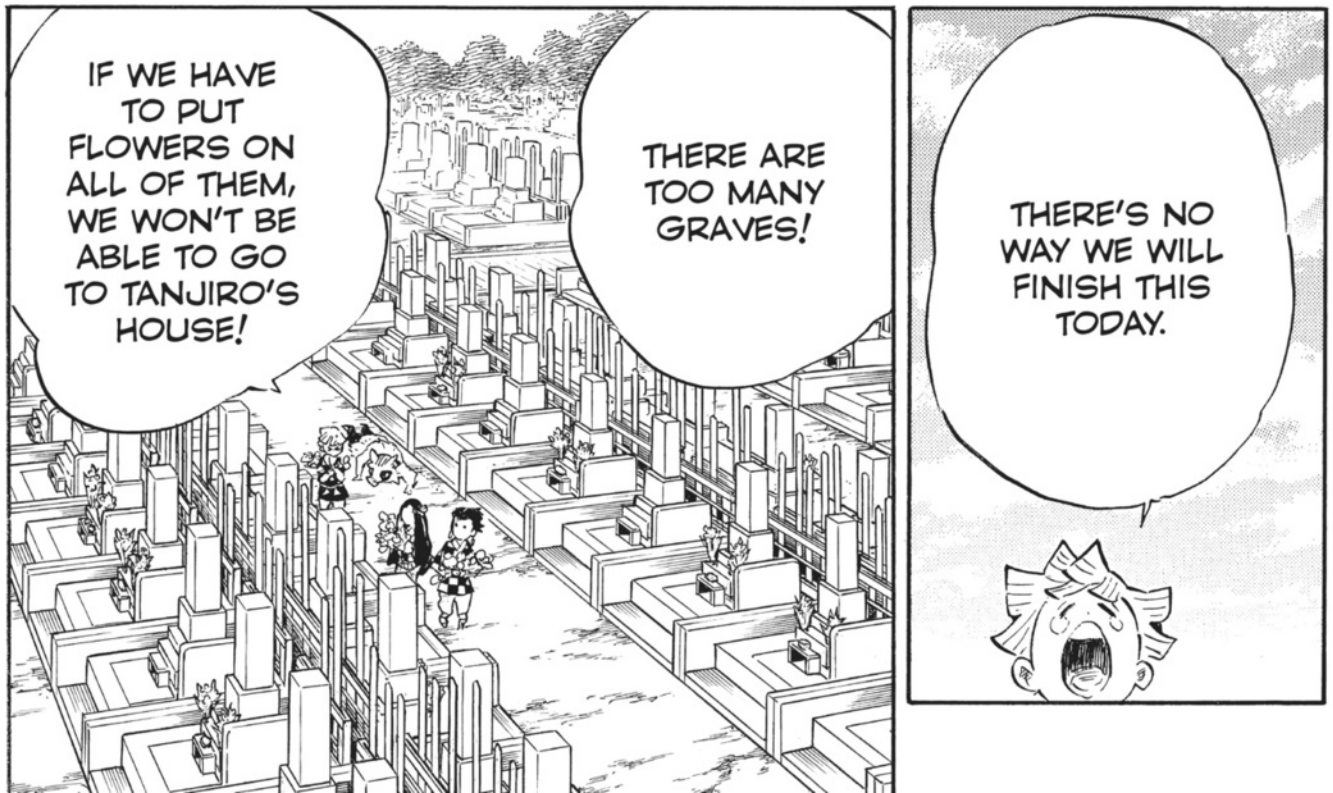
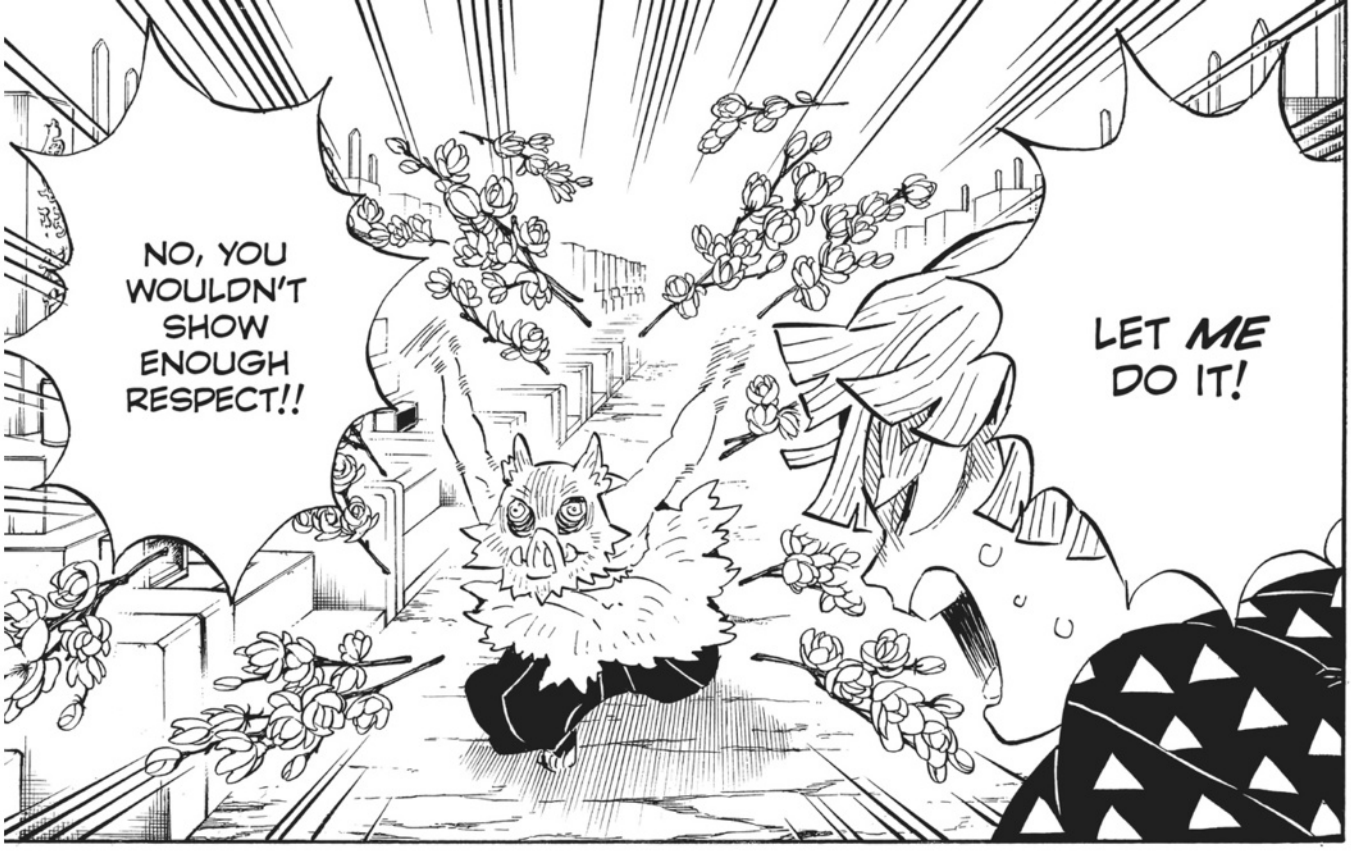


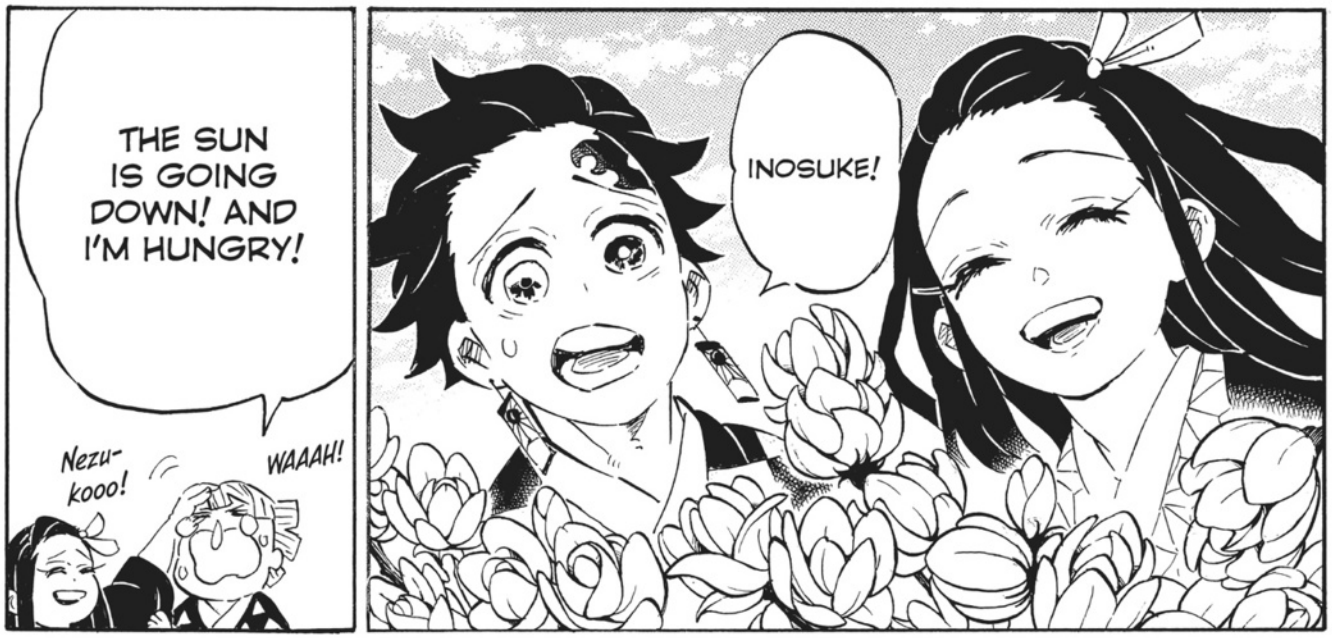

WELL, TAKE CARE.
BABMP
BABMP
HUH?! WHAT WAS HE DOING?!
HUUUUUH?!
HUUUUUUUUH?!



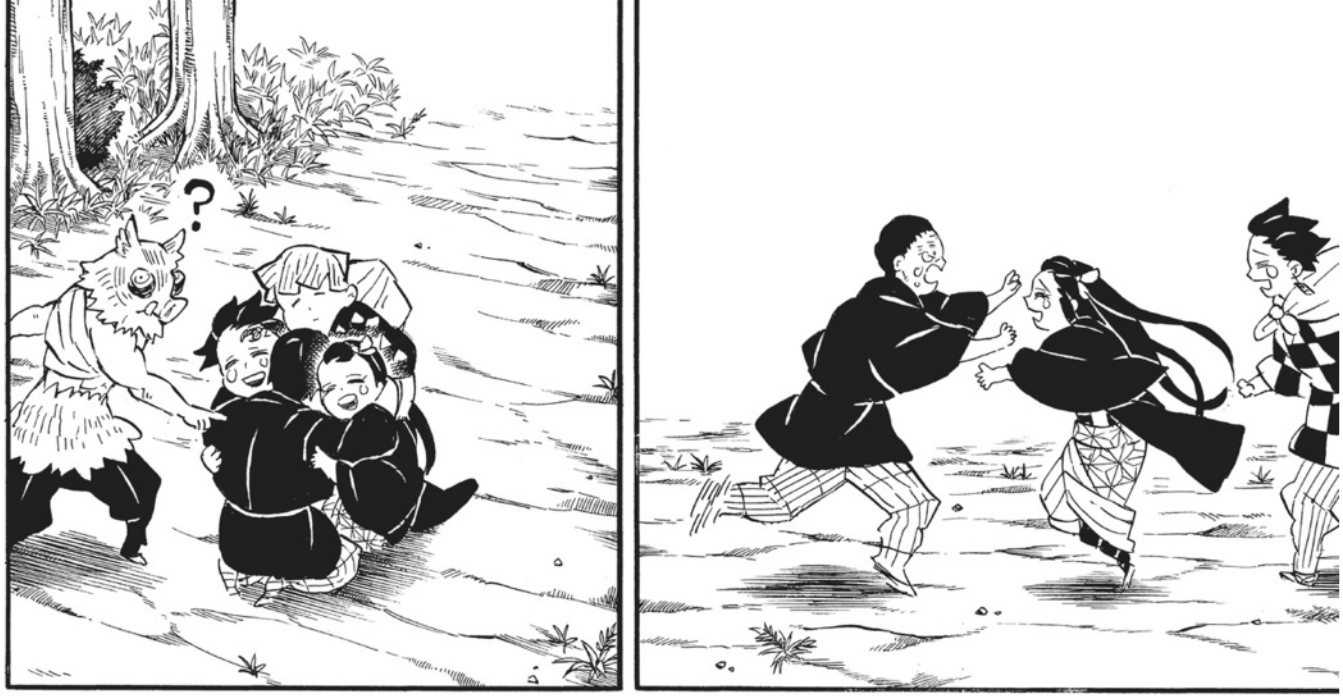
Okay, okay...
You cut your hair!

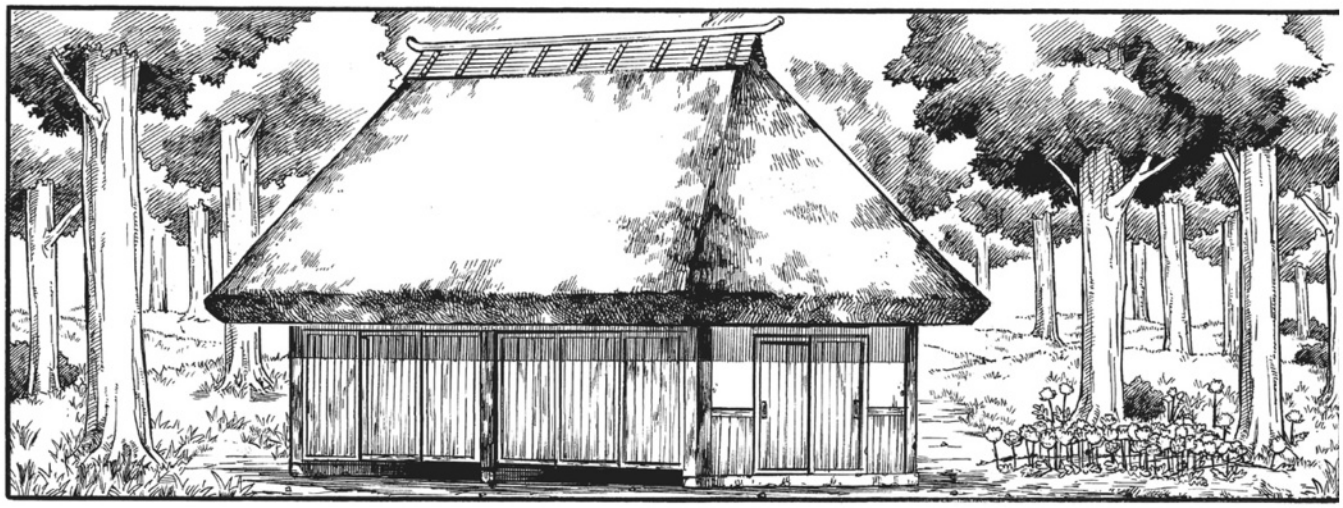

IF WE HAVE TO PUT FLOWERS ON ALL OF THEM, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GO TO TANJIRO'S HOUSE!
THERE ARE TOO MANY GRAVES!
THERE'S NO WAY WE WILL FINISH THIS TODAY.

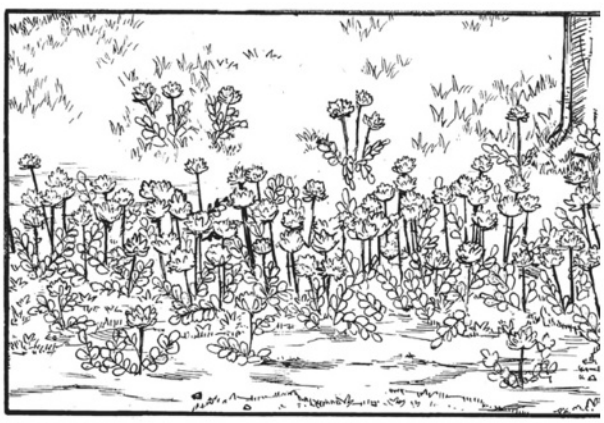

NO, YOU WOULDN'T SHOW ENOUGH RESPECT!!
LET ME DO IT!

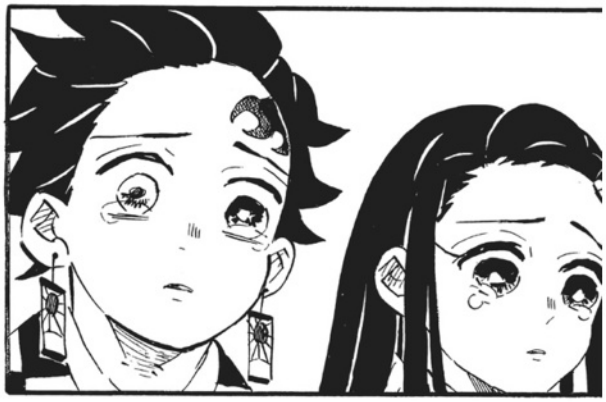

THE SUN IS GOING DOWN! AND I'M HUNGRY!
Nezu-kooo!
WAAAH!
INOSUKE!

OH!
THERE'S OLD MAN SABURO!
?!
NO! ARE YOU STUPID?!
REMAINS? IS THAT A SNACK?
GRAND-FATHER'S REMAINS.
HEY, WHAT'RE YOU CARRYING?







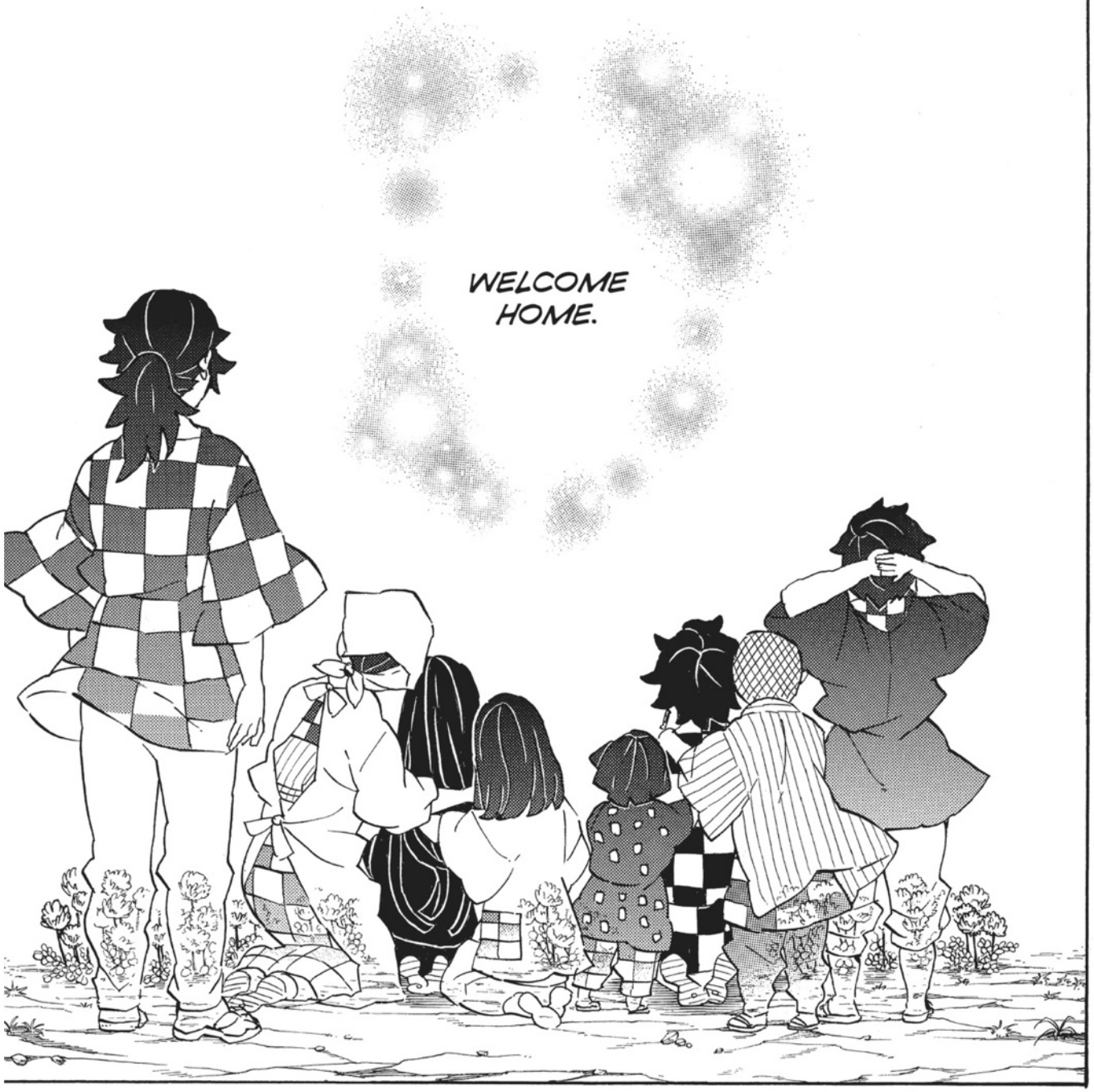


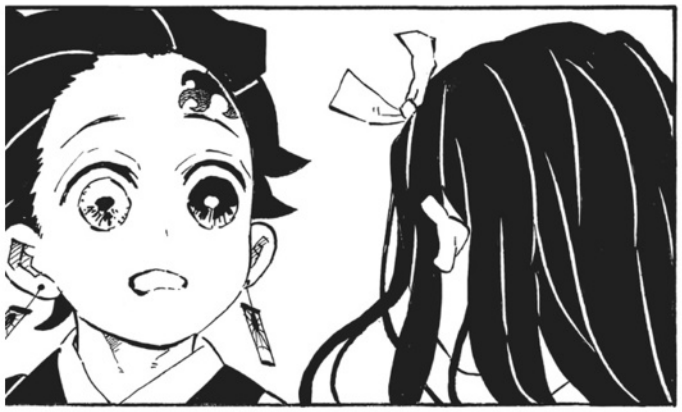
SHIGERU.
ROKUTA.
FATHER.
MOTHER.
TAKEO.
HANAKO.

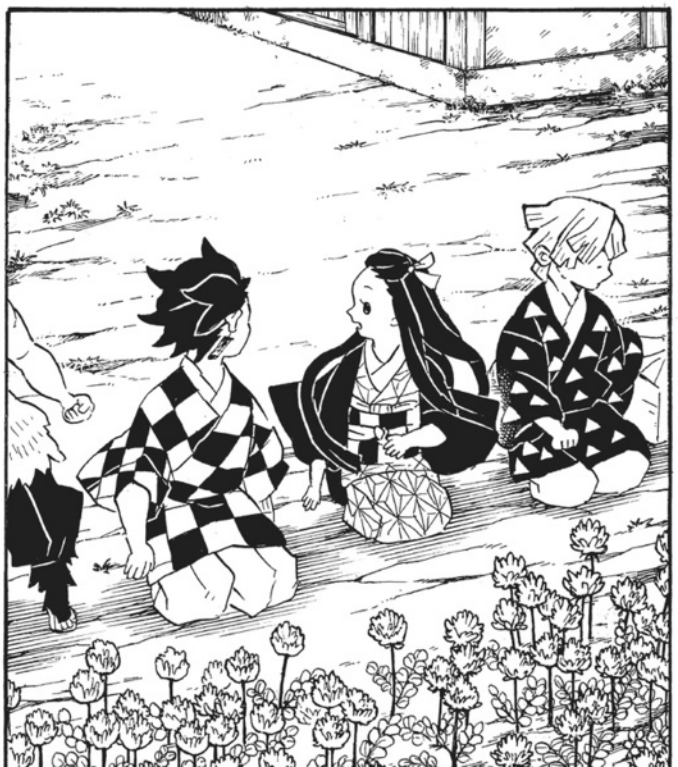
NEZUKO AND I WERE ABLE TO RETURN.
SO MANY PEOPLE HELPED ME.

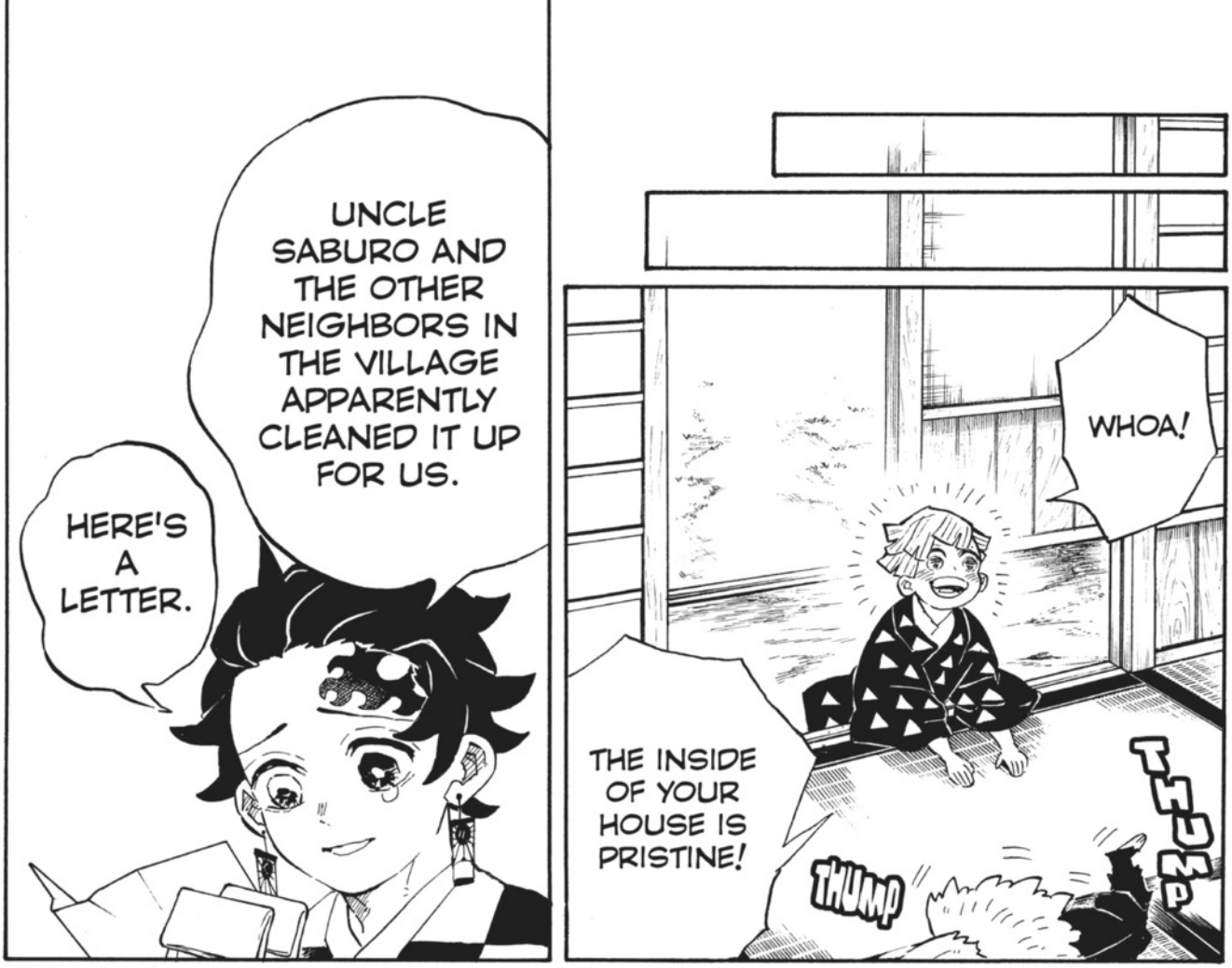
FROM NOW ON, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS...
...WE'LL FACE IT TOGETHER.
BUT THEY ALL DID THEIR BEST TOGETHER TO MAKE THEIR PRAYERS COME TRUE.
SO MANY PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES.

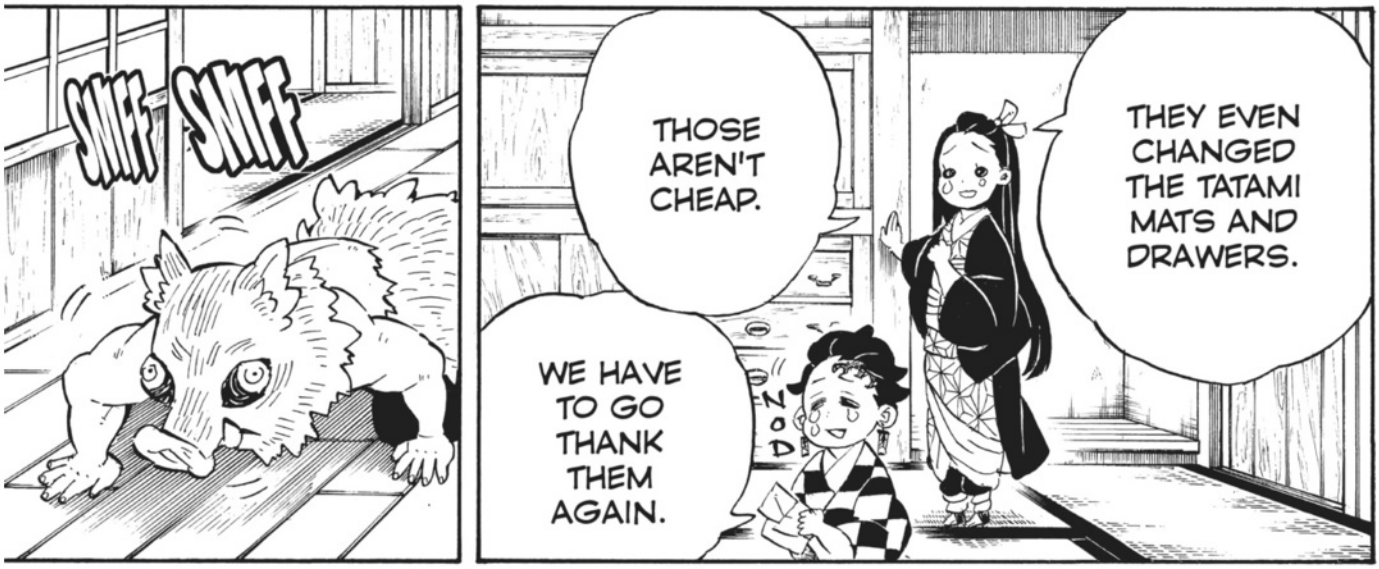
WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO LIVE ON...
...AFTER THE SACRIFICES EVERYONE MADE FOR US.


WELCOME
HOME.

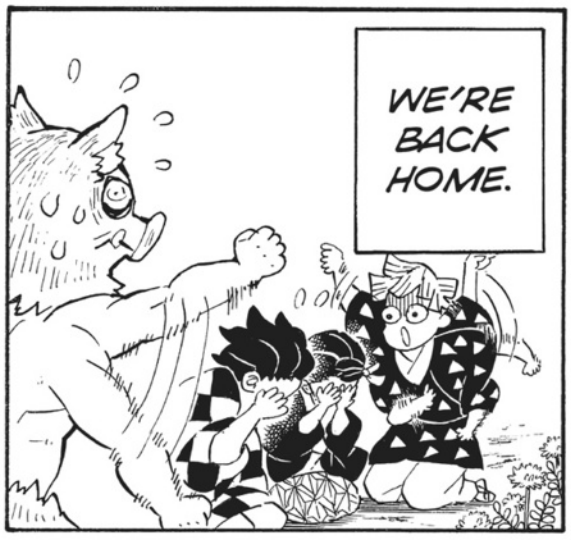





UNCLE SABURO AND THE OTHER NEIGHBORS IN THE VILLAGE APPARENTLY CLEANED IT UP FOR US.
HERE'S A LETTER.
WHOA!
THE INSIDE OF YOUR HOUSE IS PRISTINE!
THUMP
THUMP


SNIFF SNIFF
THOSE AREN'T CHEAP.
THEY EVEN CHANGED THE TATAMI MATS AND DRAWERS.
WE HAVE TO GO THANK THEM AGAIN.
NOD

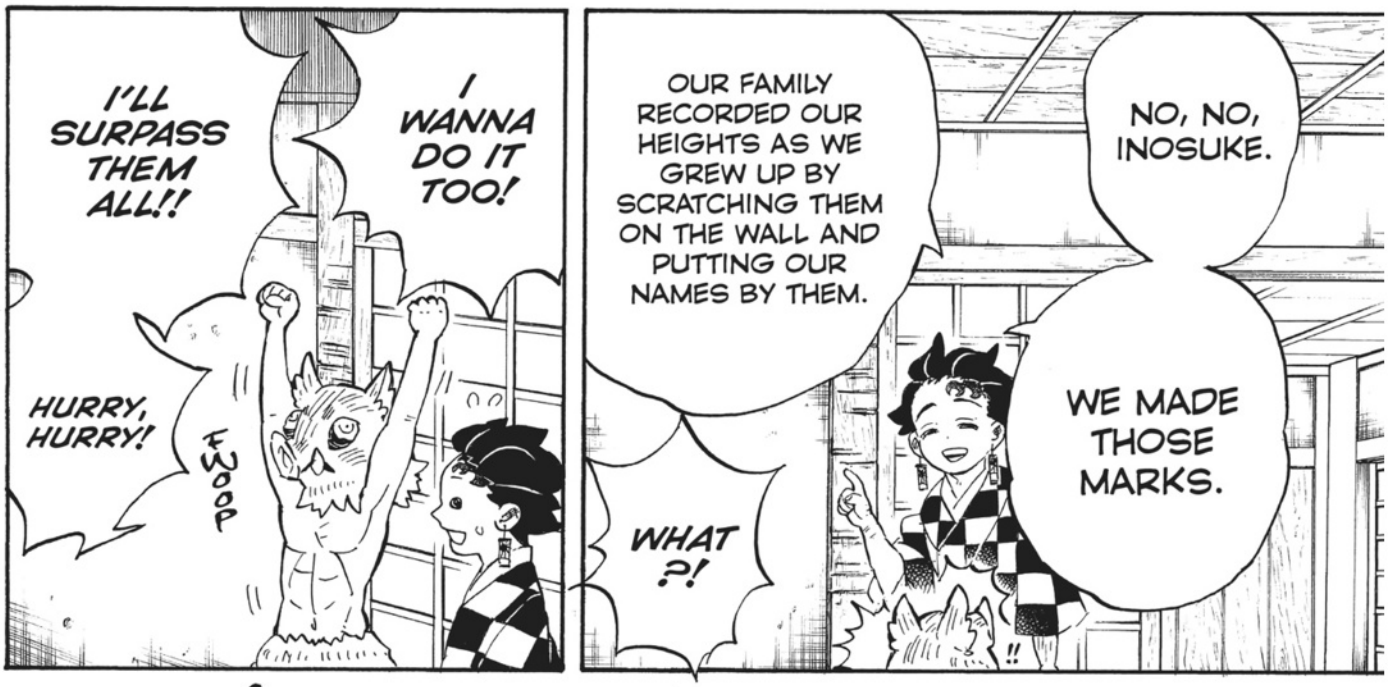
IT'S SO NICE AND WARM.
HEH HEH HEH.
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU TWO GREW UP, HUH?

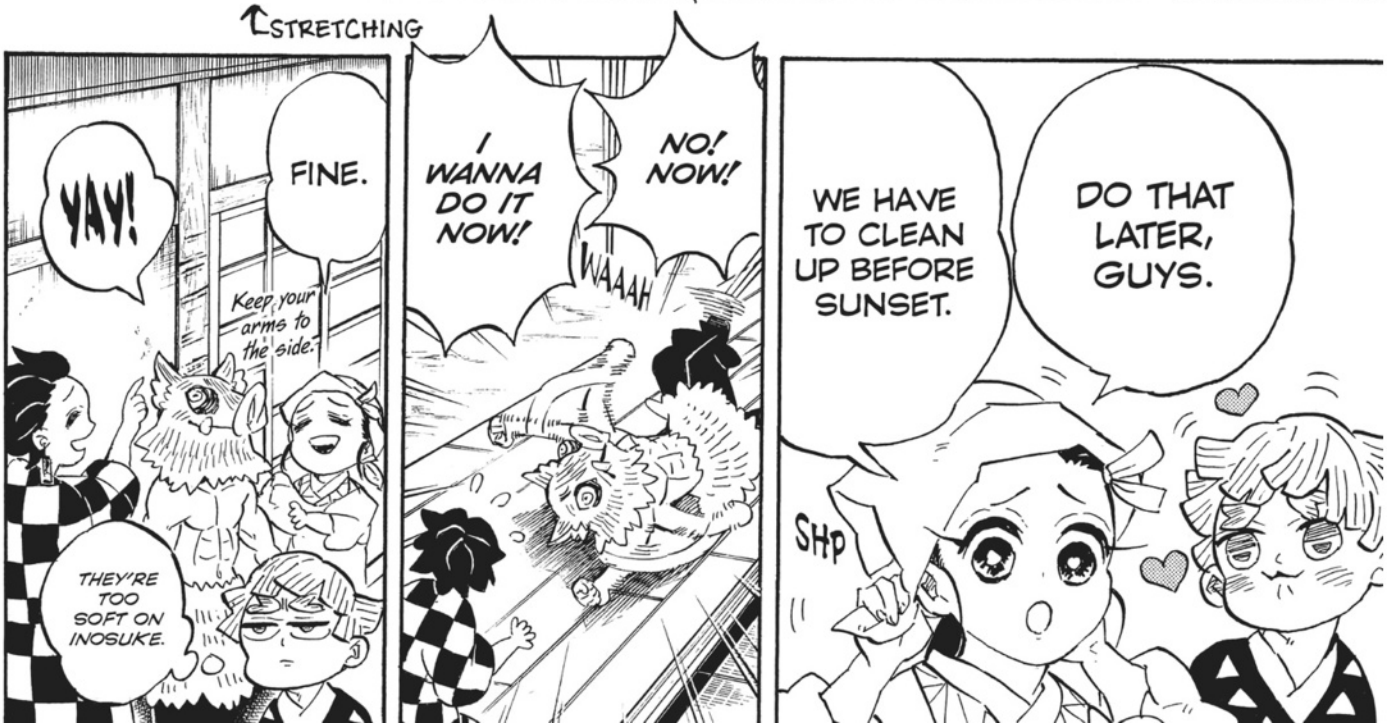

WE'RE BACK HOME.

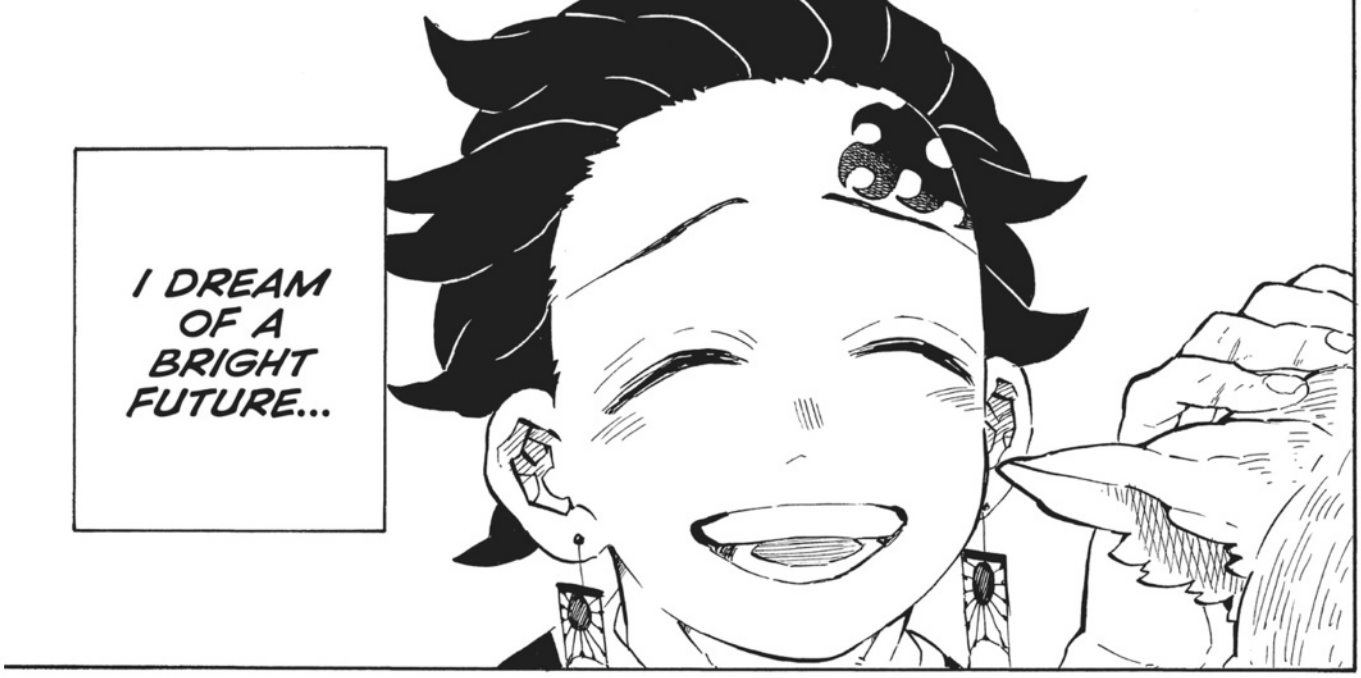
URK
WE'RE HOME.
WE'RE HOME.

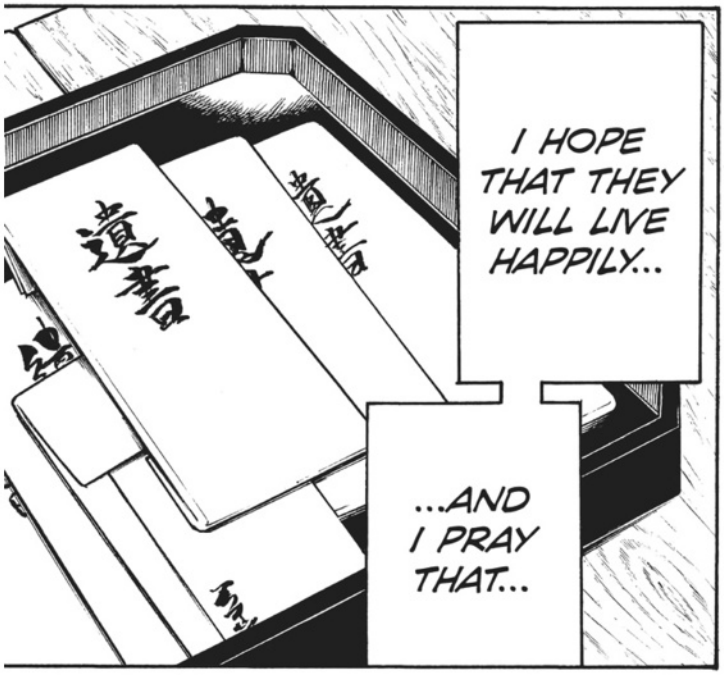
DON'T CRYYY!!
WE'RE BACK...

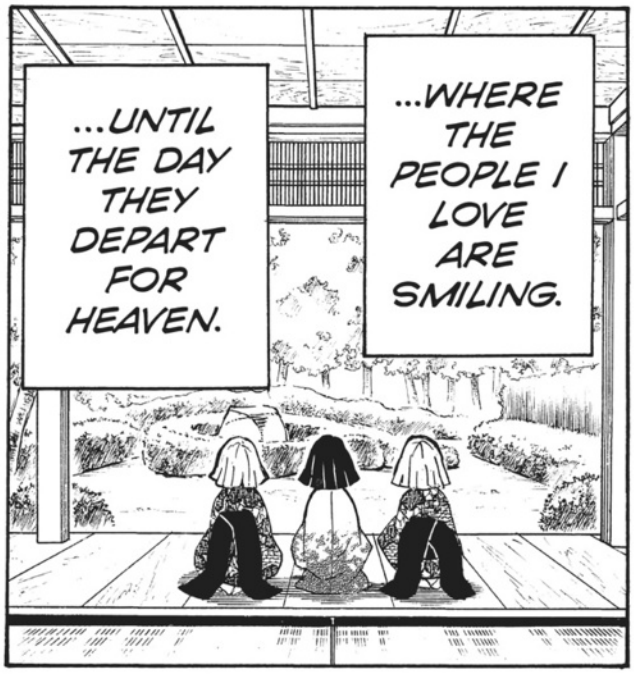
WHAT BEAST COULD'VE LEFT THESE?! GUYS, BE CAREFUL!
WHAT IS THIS?!
THERE ARE CLAW MARKS ON THE WALL!!


I'LL SURPASS THEM ALL!!
I WANNA DO IT TOO!
HURRY, HURRY!
FJOOP
OUR FAMILY RECORDED OUR HEIGHTS AS WE GREW UP BY SCRATCHING THEM ON THE WALL AND PUTTING OUR NAMES BY THEM.
NO, NO, INOSUKE.
WE MADE THOSE MARKS.
WHAT ?!

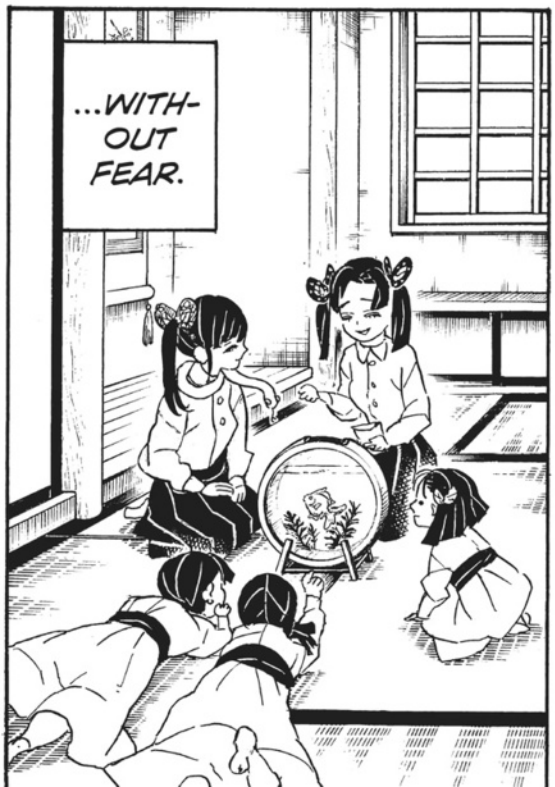

↑STRETCHING
YAY!
FINE.
Keep your arms to the side.
THEY'RE TOO SOFT ON INOSUKE.
I WANNA DO IT NOW!
NO! NOW!
WAAAH
WE HAVE TO CLEAN UP BEFORE SUNSET.
DO THAT LATER, GUYS.
SHP


I DREAM OF A BRIGHT FUTURE...


I HOPE THAT THEY WILL LIVE HAPPILY...
...AND I PRAY THAT...

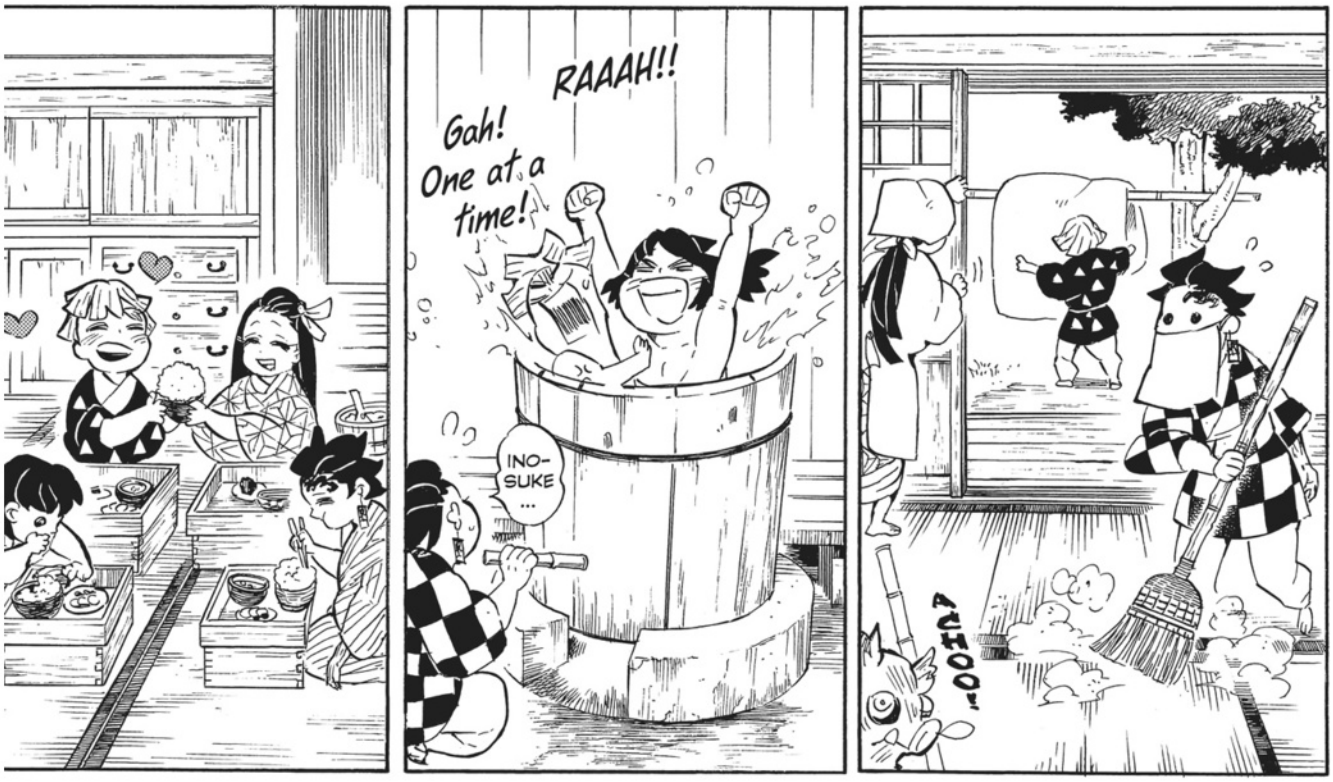

...UNTIL THE DAY THEY DEPART FOR HEAVEN.
...WHERE THE PEOPLE I LOVE ARE SMILING.

*WILL


...WITH-OUT FEAR.

...THEY WILL LIVE SAFELY...

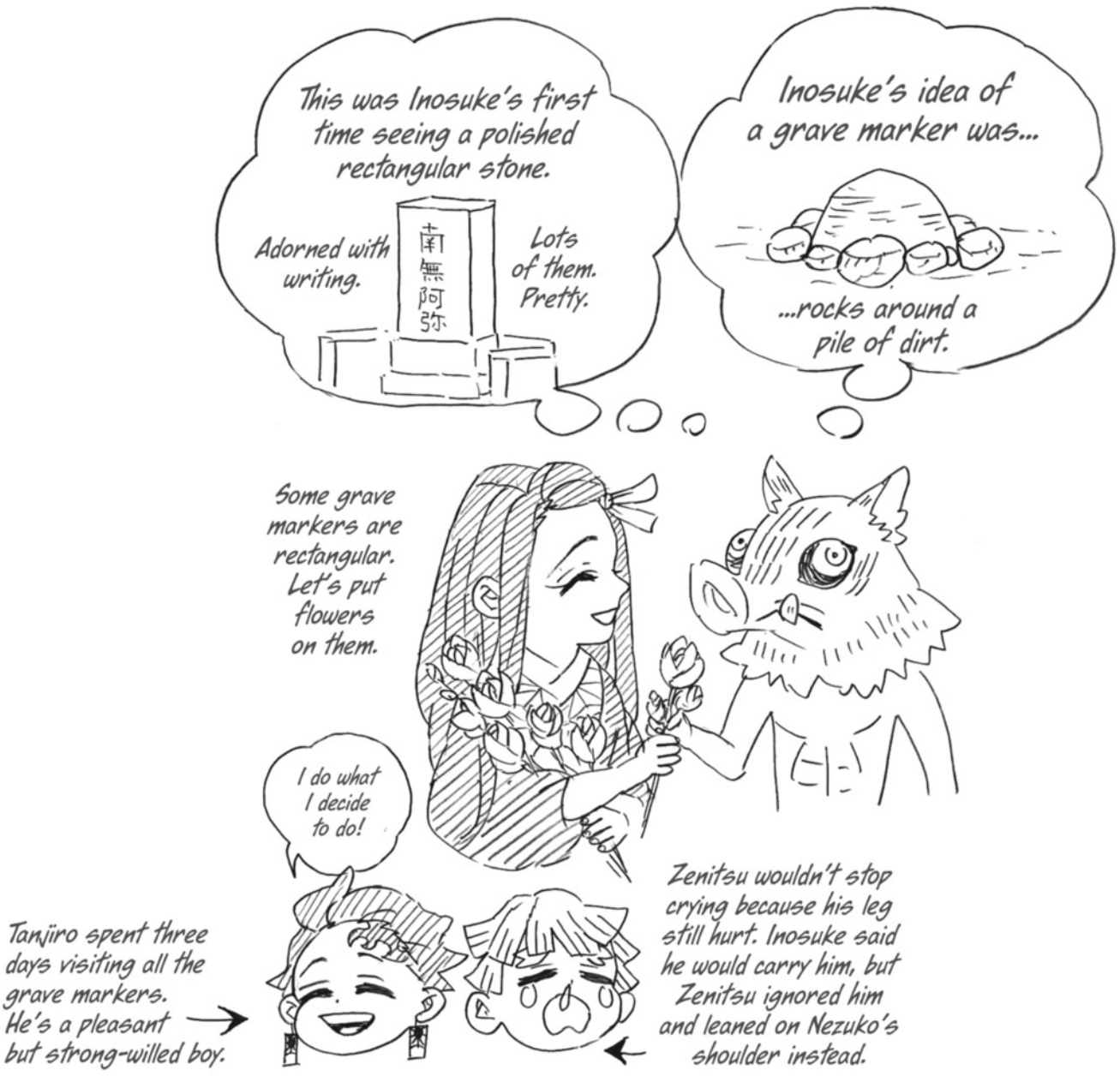
...I WANT THEM TO LIVE.
EVEN IF I'M...
...NO LONGER THERE...
I'M SURE IF YOU WERE ME...
...YOU'D SAY THE SAME THING.
TO LIVE THEIR LIVES TO THEIR FULLEST.

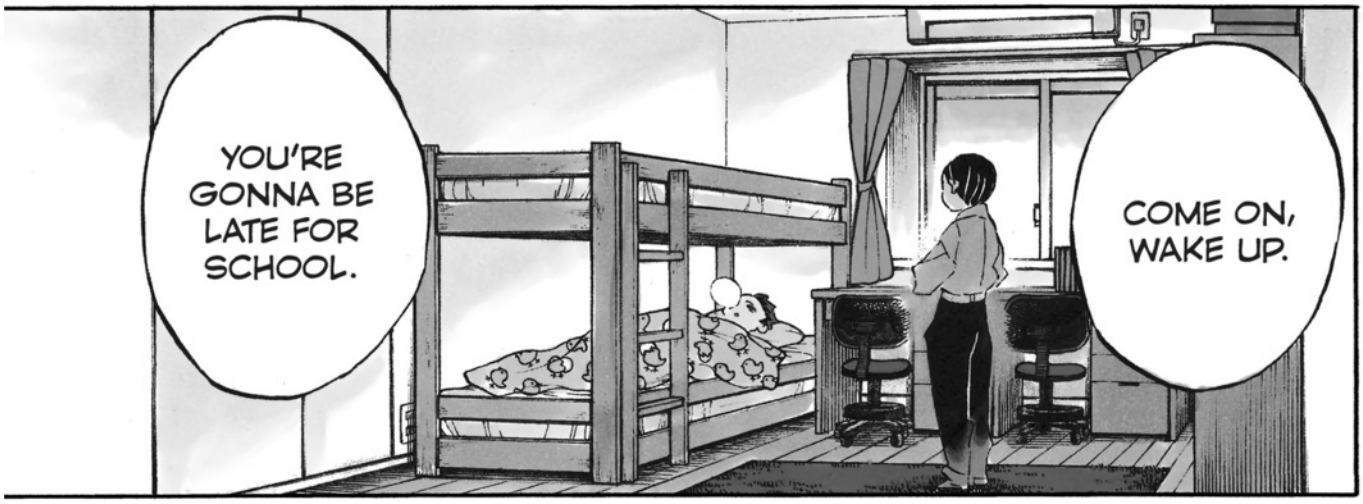

RAAAH!!
Gah! One at a time!
INO-SUKE...
"HOOT"

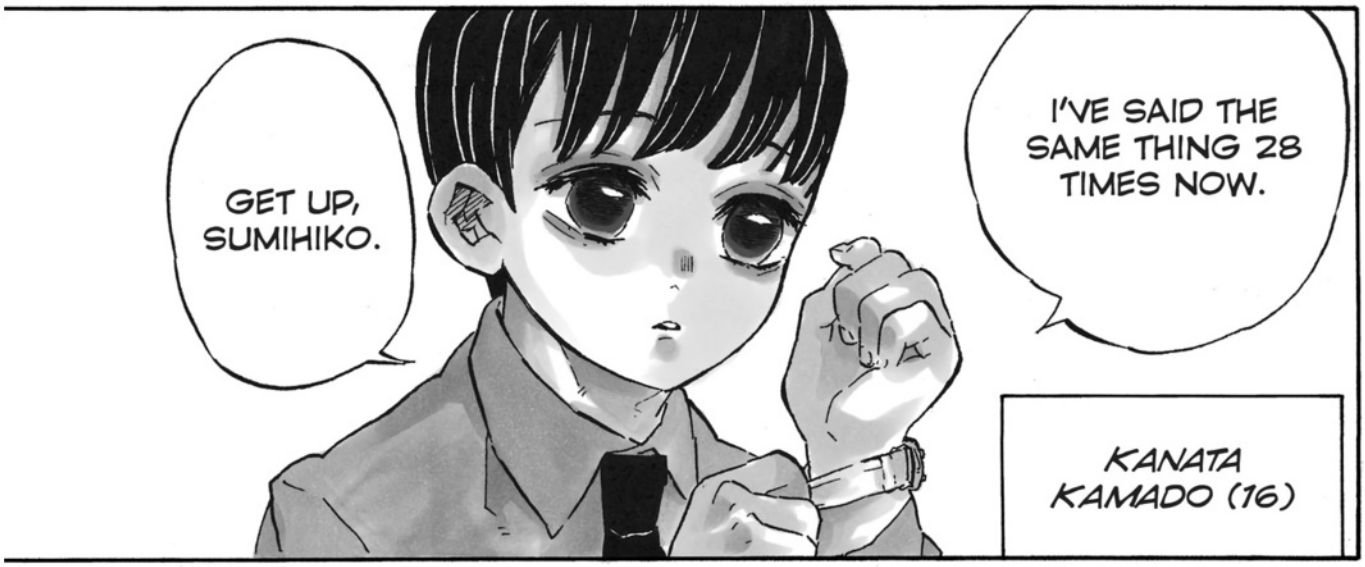
I HOPE THESE ORDINARY...
...PEACE-FUL DAYS NEVER CHANGE...
WA HA HA
WA HA HA

...AND LAST FOREVER.

NEZUKO EXPLAINS GRAVES TO INOSUKE


This was Inosuke's first time seeing a polished rectangular stone.
Adorned with writing.
南無阿弥
Lots of them. Pretty.
Inosuke's idea of a grave marker was...
...rocks around a pile of dirt.
Some grave markers are rectangular. Let's put flowers on them.
I do what I decide to do!
Tanjiro spent three days visiting all the grave markers. He's a pleasant but strong-willed boy.
Zenitsu wouldn't stop crying because his leg still hurt. Inosuke said he would carry him, but Zenitsu ignored him and leaned on Nezuko's shoulder instead.





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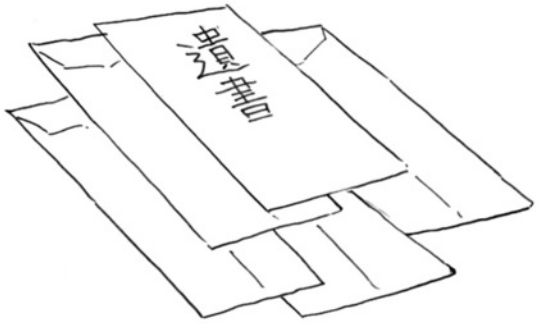
Many of the last wills and testaments left by members of the Demon Slayer Corps contained wishes for Tanjiro and Nezuko's happiness. Kiriya let them read those.

*Will

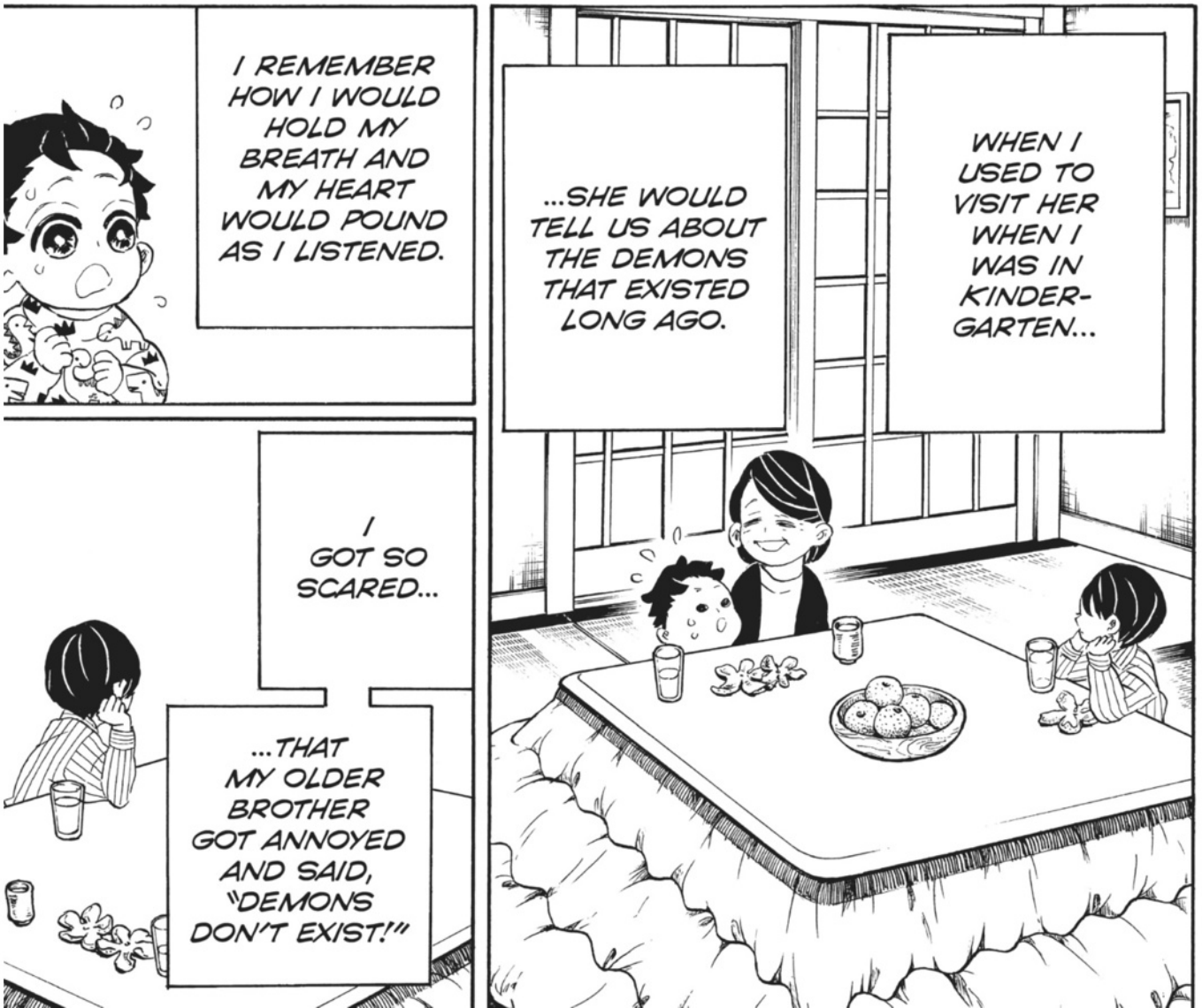


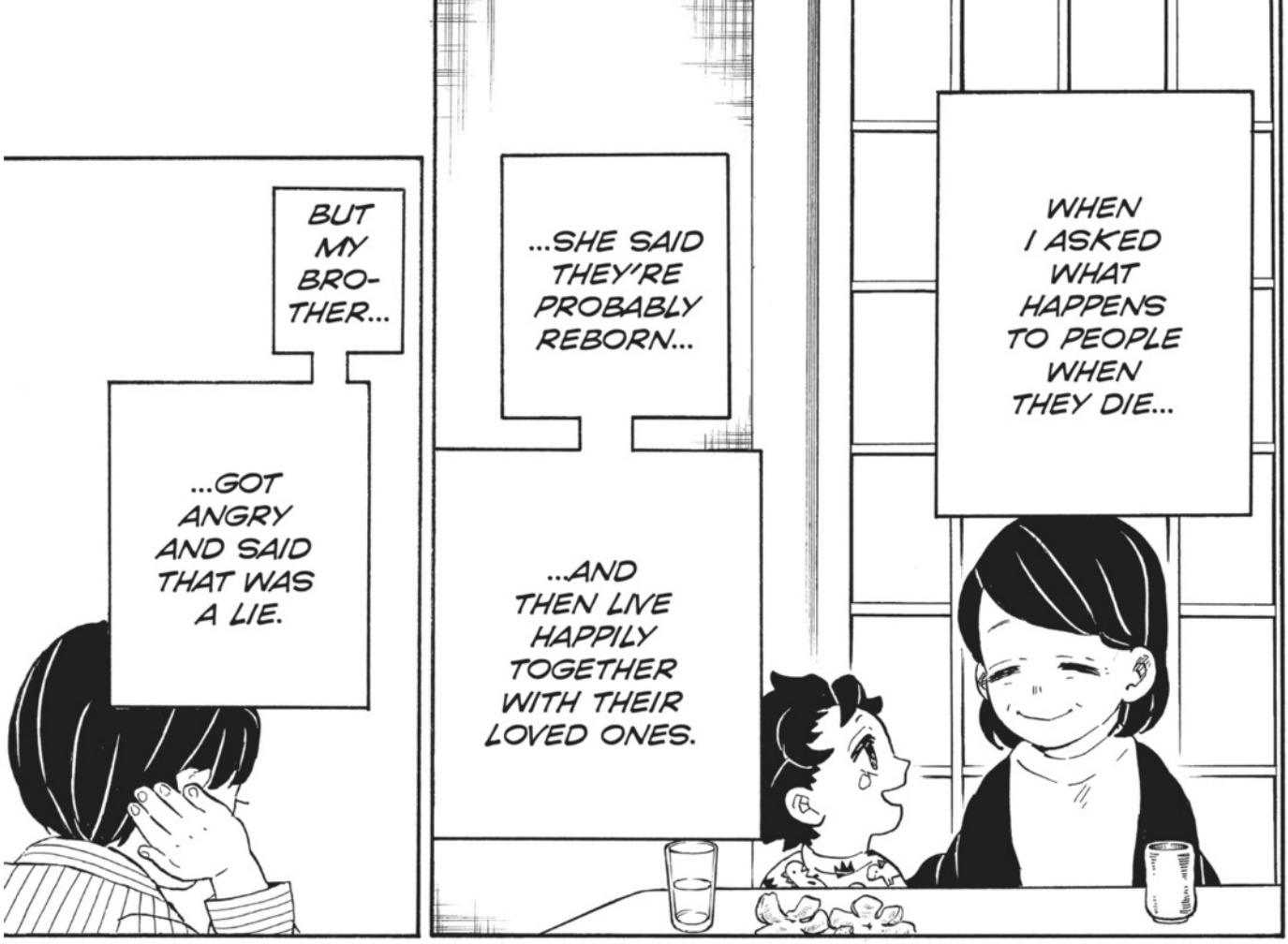
AND THEN MY GRAND-MOTHER WOULD NOD...
...AND PAT MY HEAD.

"THAT'S RIGHT."
"...TO DEFEAT THE MAN-EATING DEMONS, SO DON'T WORRY."
"YOUR GREAT-GREAT-GRAND-FATHER AND GREAT-GREAT-GRAND-MOTHER FOUGHT HARD..."

I...
...LOVED MY GRAND-MOTHER'S GENTLE TOUCH.

I LIKE TO SLEEP.
RECENTLY, I'VE BEEN DREAMING ABOUT MY GRANDMOTHER...
...SO I DON'T WANT TO WAKE UP.

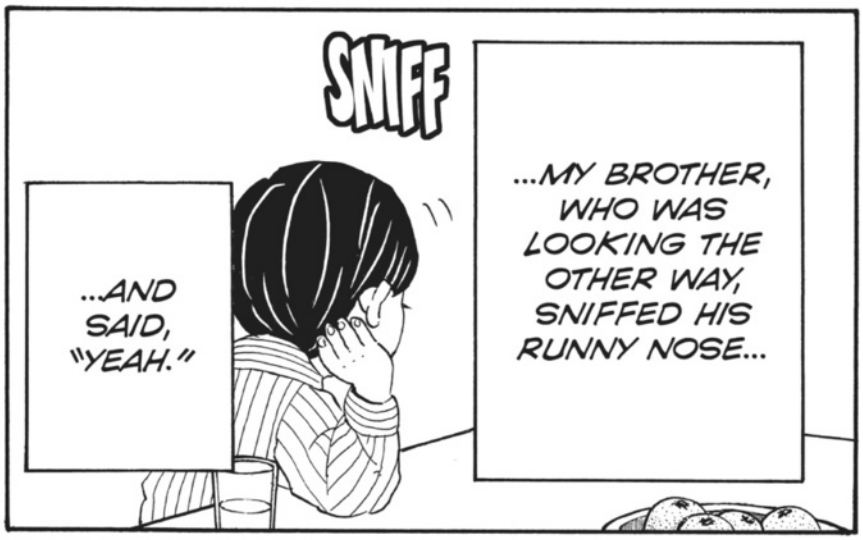

WHEN I USED TO VISIT HER WHEN I WAS IN KINDERGARTEN...
...SHE WOULD TELL US ABOUT THE DEMONS THAT EXISTED LONG AGO.
I REMEMBER HOW I WOULD HOLD MY BREATH AND MY HEART WOULD POUND AS I LISTENED.
I GOT SO SCARED...
...THAT MY OLDER BROTHER GOT ANNOYED AND SAID, "DEMONS DON'T EXIST!"

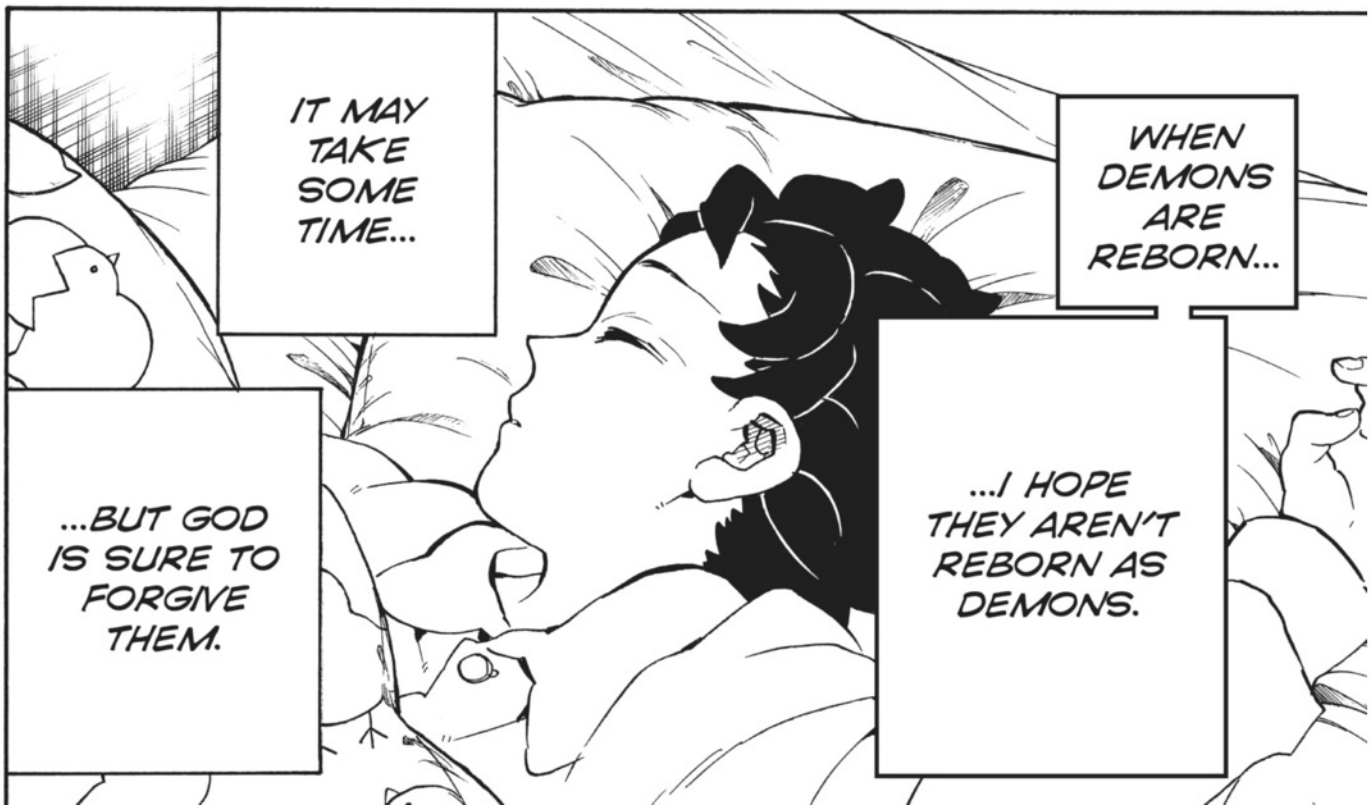

WHEN I ASKED WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE WHEN THEY DIE...
...SHE SAID THEY'RE PROBABLY REBORN...
...AND THEN LIVE HAPPILY TOGETHER WITH THEIR LOVED ONES.
BUT MY BRO-THER...
...GOT ANGRY AND SAID THAT WAS A LIE.

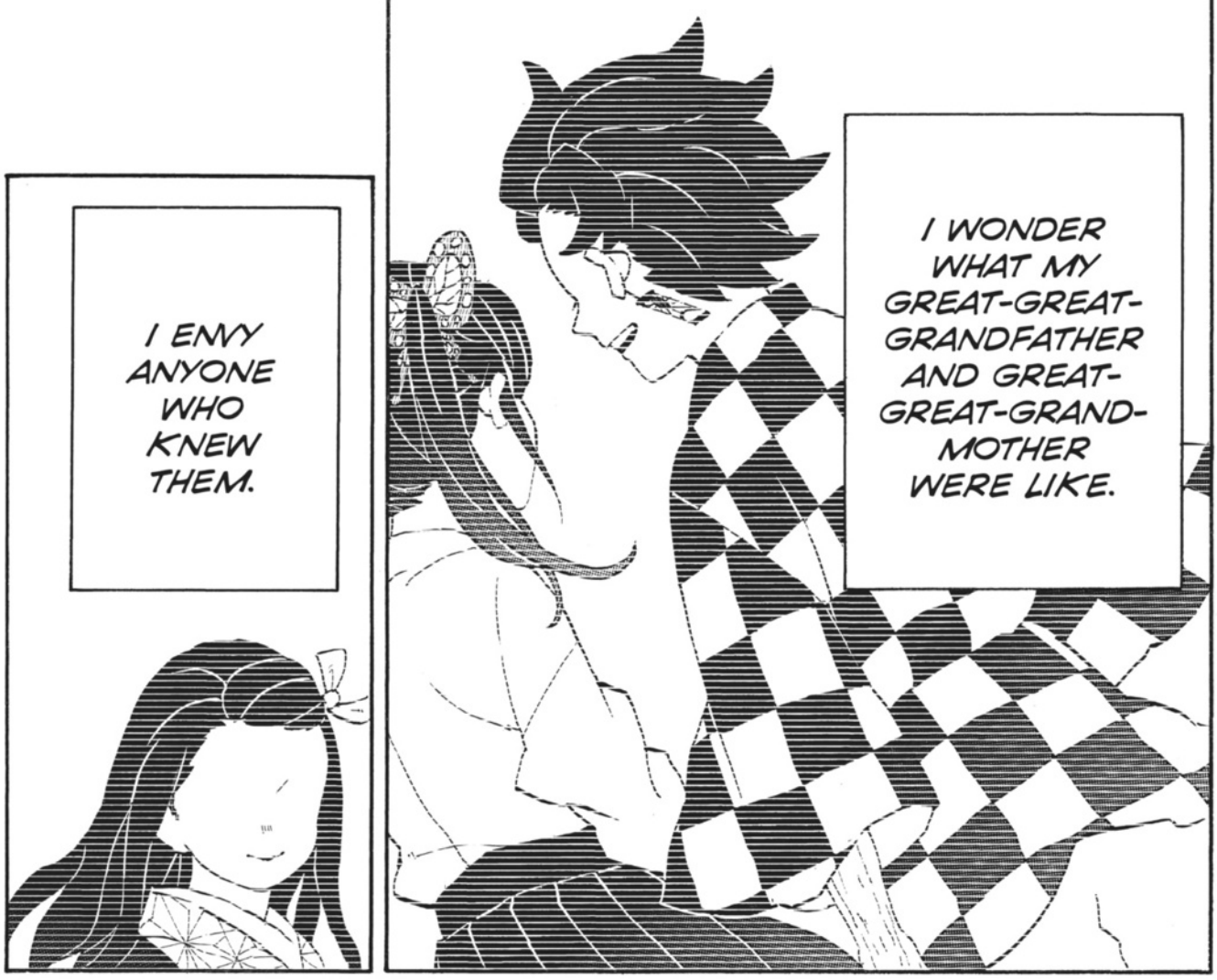
"I DON'T REMEMBER ANY PREVIOUS LIFE!"
"YOU'RE LYING, GRAND-MA!"

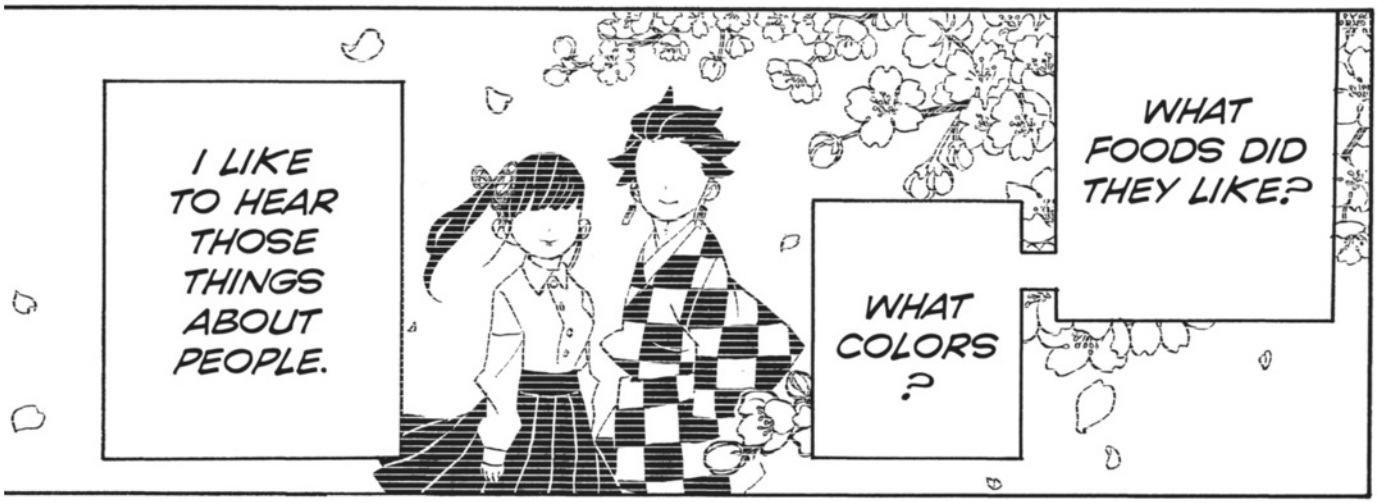
BUT WHEN I THINK...
...THAT THEY MAY HAVE BEEN REBORN AND ARE NOW LIVING HAPPILY...

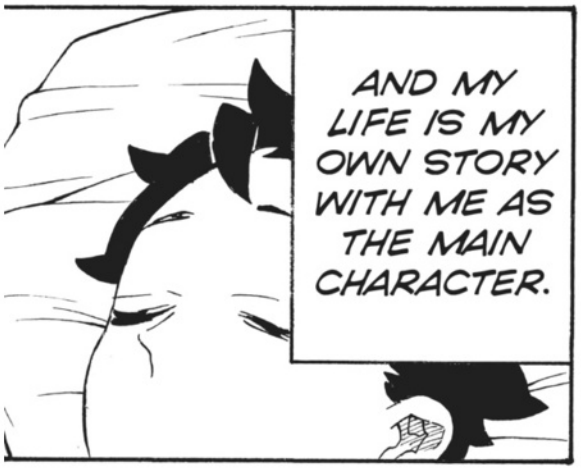
WHEN I SAID THAT...
...I FEEL LESS SAD AND LONELY...
...AND MY MIND IS AT EASE.


SNIFF
...AND SAID, "YEAH."
...MY BROTHER, WHO WAS LOOKING THE OTHER WAY, SNIFFED HIS RUNNY NOSE...

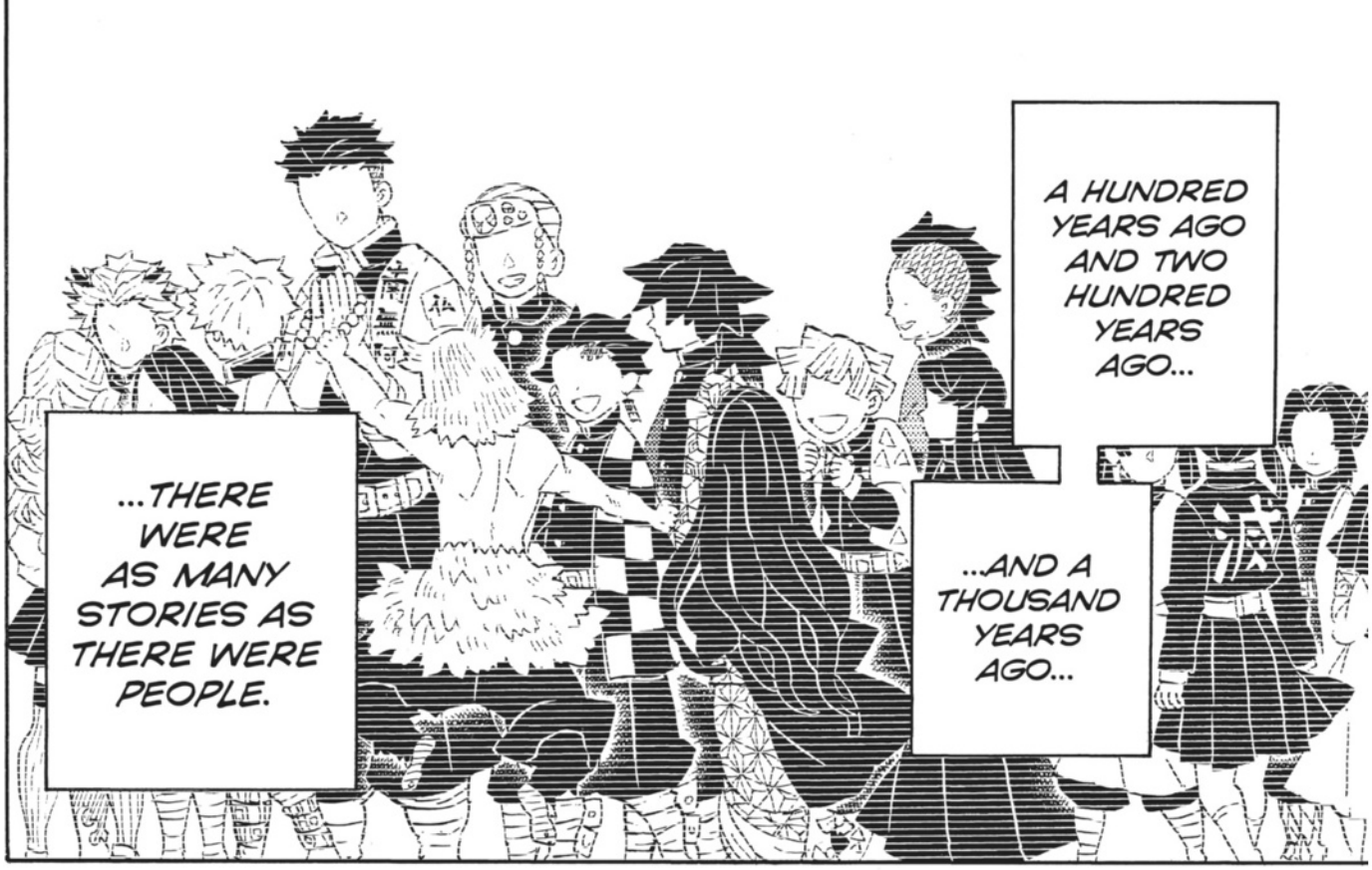

IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME...
WHEN DEMONS ARE REBORN...
...BUT GOD IS SURE TO FORGIVE THEM.
...I HOPE THEY AREN'T REBORN AS DEMONS.


I ENVY ANYONE WHO KNEW THEM.
I WONDER WHAT MY GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER AND GREAT-GREAT-GRAND-MOTHER WERE LIKE.

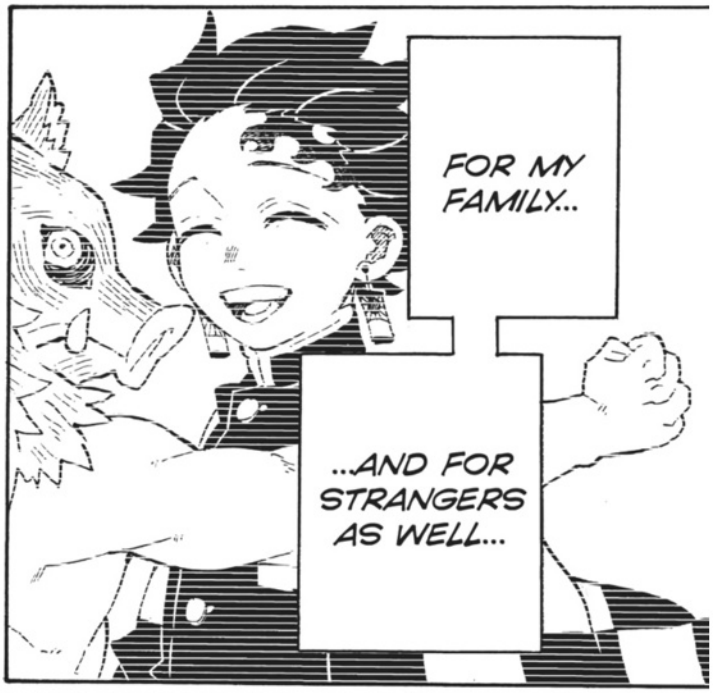

I LIKE TO HEAR THOSE THINGS ABOUT PEOPLE.
WHAT FOODS DID THEY LIKE?
WHAT COLORS?


AND MY LIFE IS MY OWN STORY WITH ME AS THE MAIN CHARACTER.

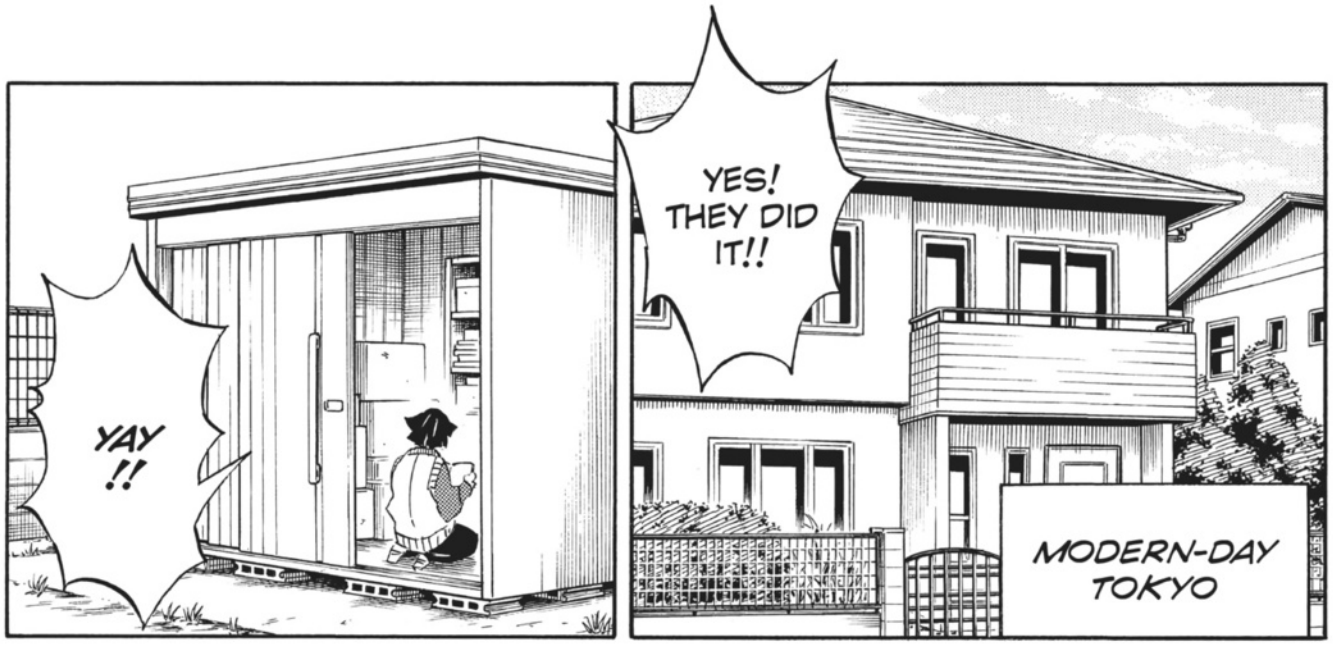
A HUMAN LIFE IS LIKE A STORY.

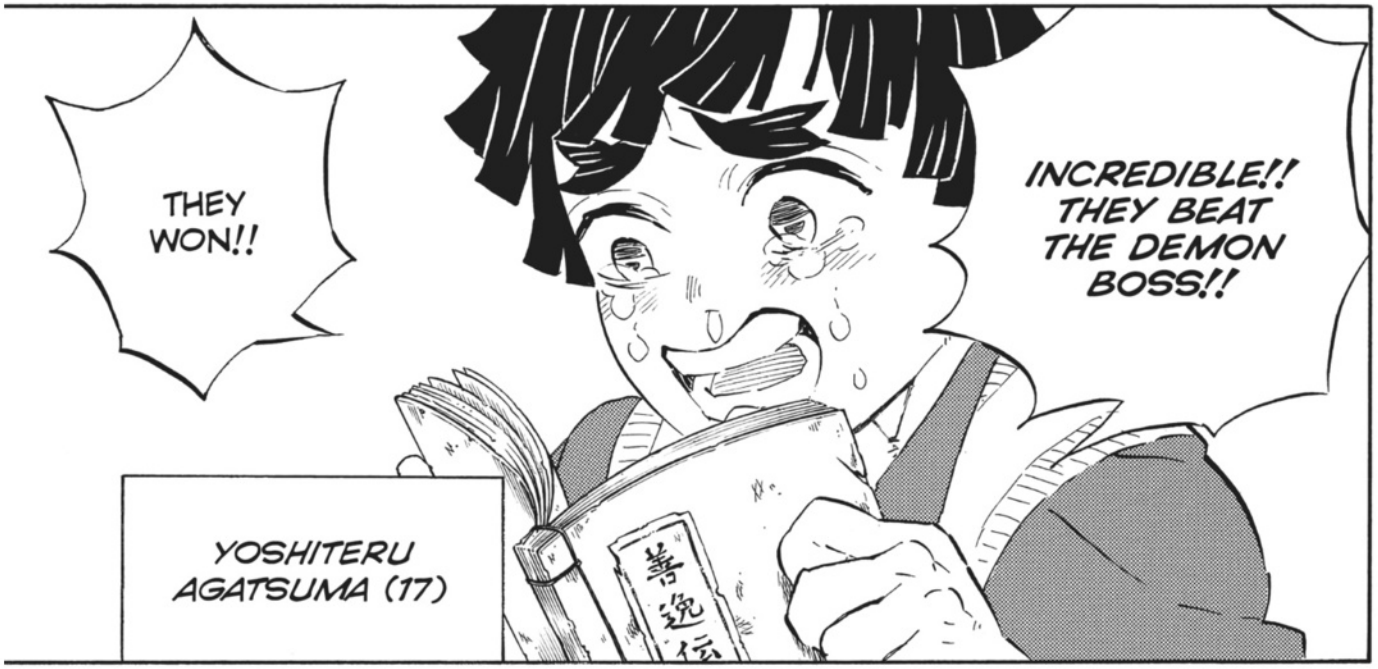

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AND TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO...
...AND A THOUSAND YEARS AGO...
...THERE WERE AS MANY STORIES AS THERE WERE PEOPLE.

...AND ONLY THEY KNEW THEM.

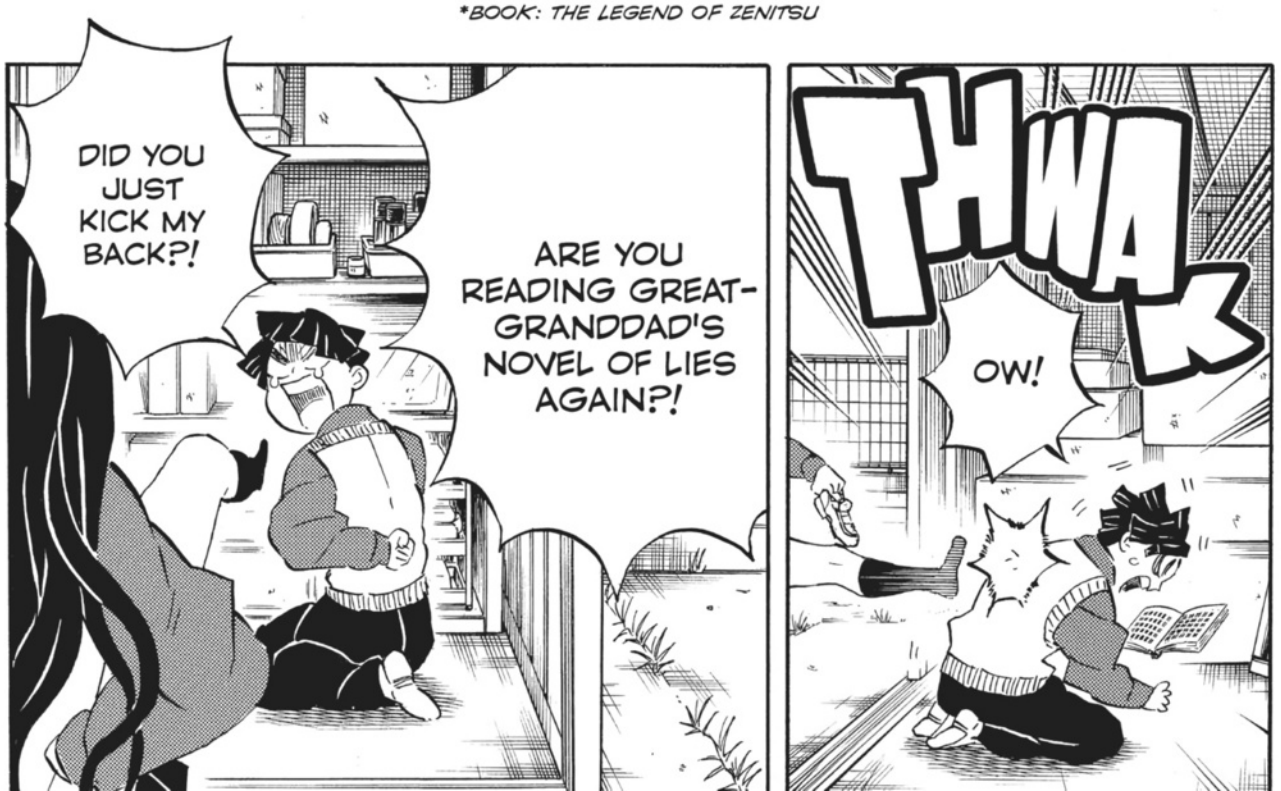

FOR MY FAMILY...
...AND FOR STRANGERS AS WELL...

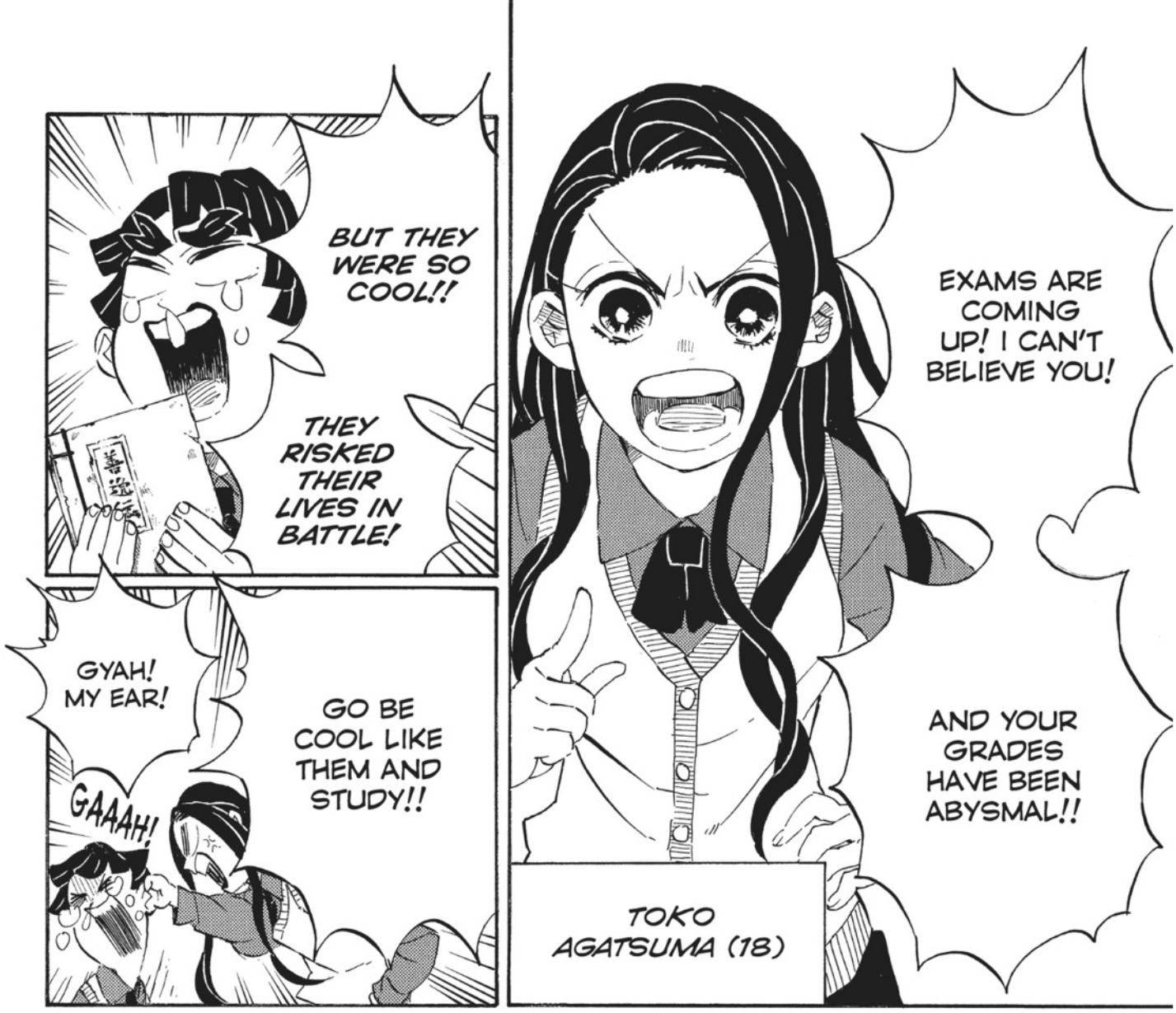
...THERE WERE MANY STORIES...

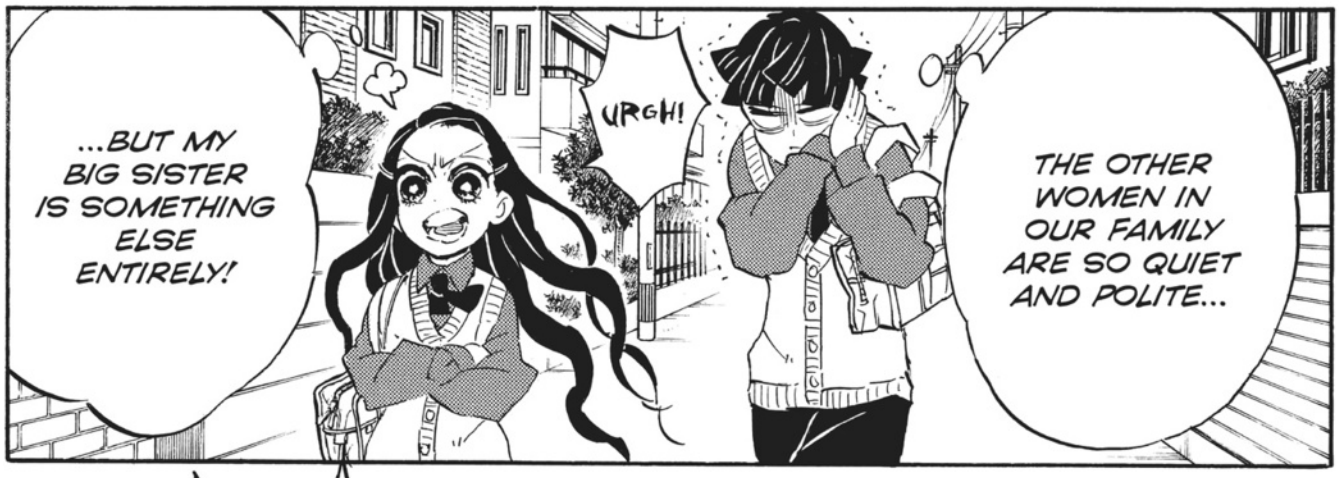




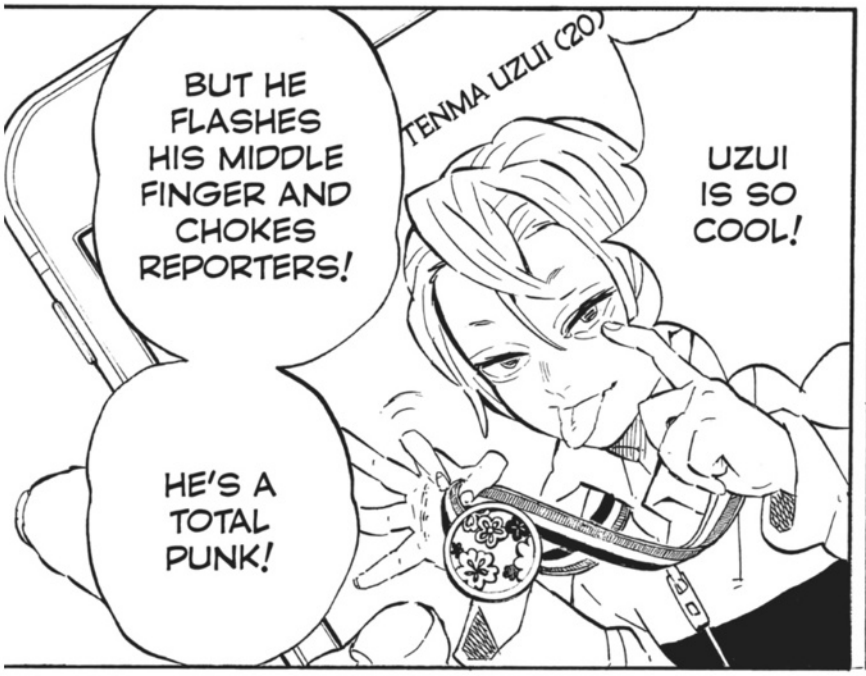
*BOOK: THE LEGEND OF ZENITSU




EXAMS ARE COMING UP! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!
AND YOUR GRADES HAVE BEEN ABYSMAL!!
TOKO AGATSUMA (18)
GO BE COOL LIKE THEM AND STUDY!!
GYAH! MY EAR!
GAAAH!
BUT THEY WERE SO COOL!!
THEY RISKED THEIR LIVES IN BATTLE!


...BUT MY BIG SISTER IS SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY!
URGH!
THE OTHER WOMEN IN OUR FAMILY ARE SO QUIET AND POLITE...

NO, SORRY.
HUH? WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE? YOU MAD?
DO YOU BELIEVE IN REINCAR-NATION?



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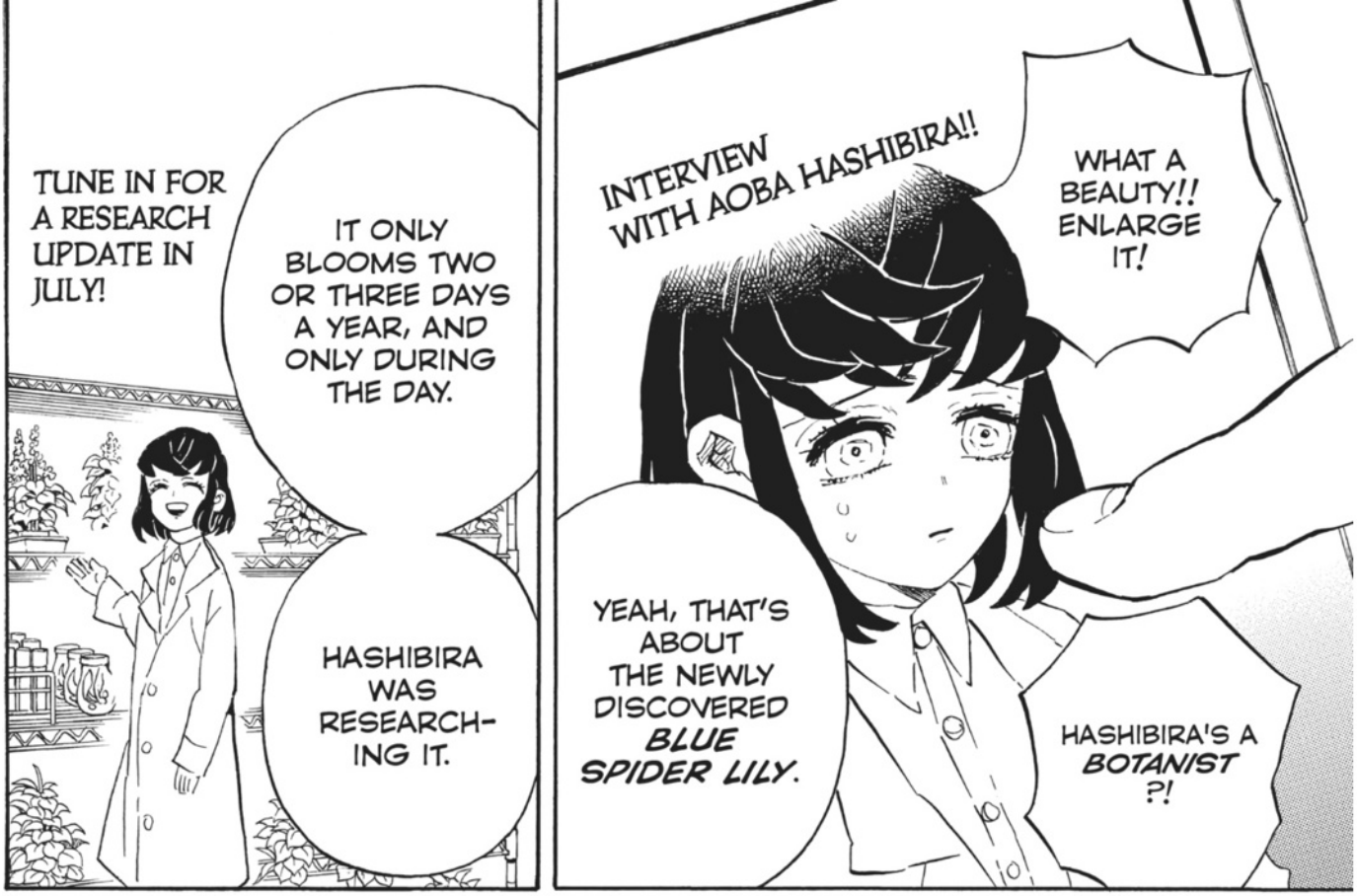
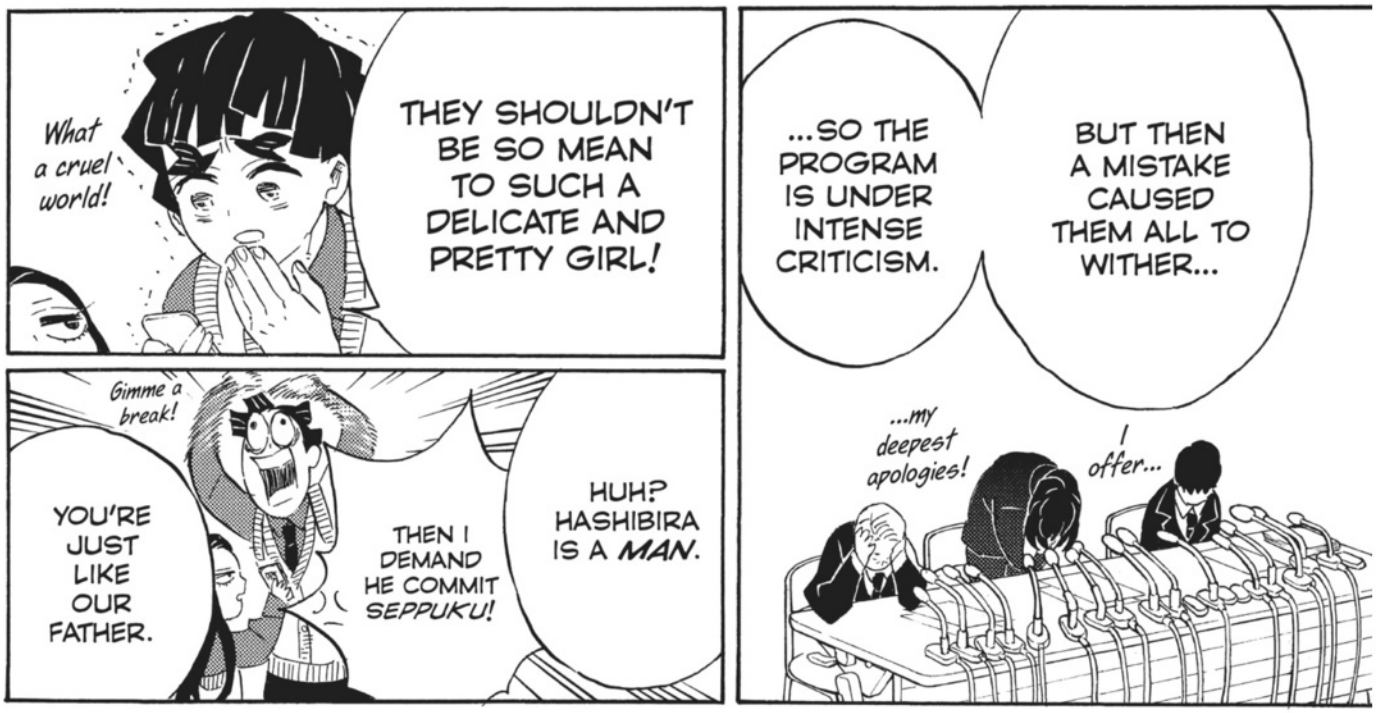
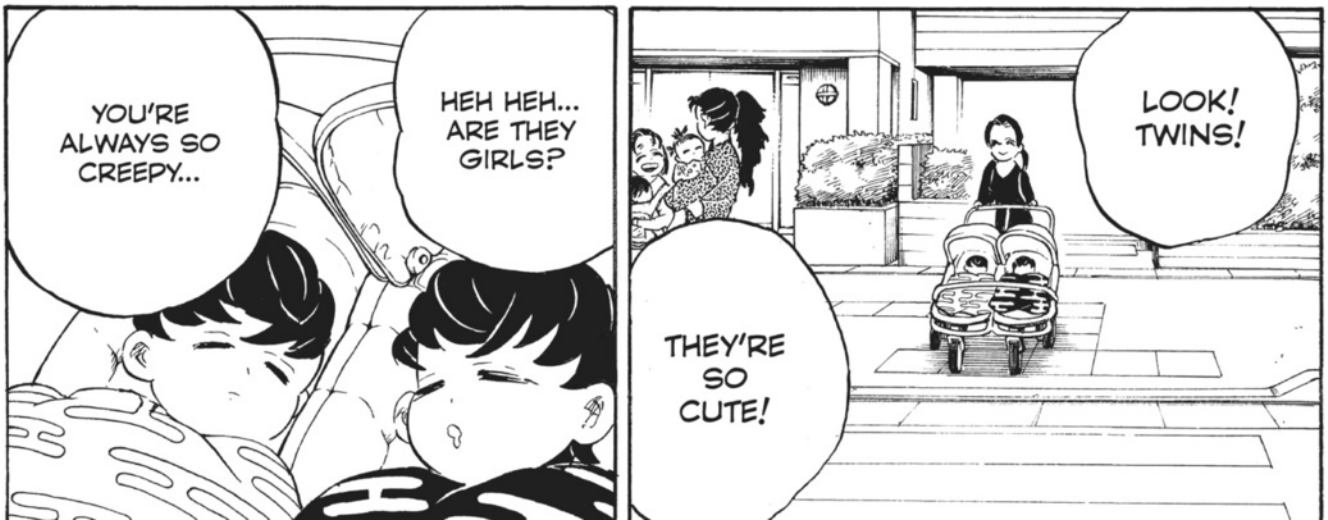
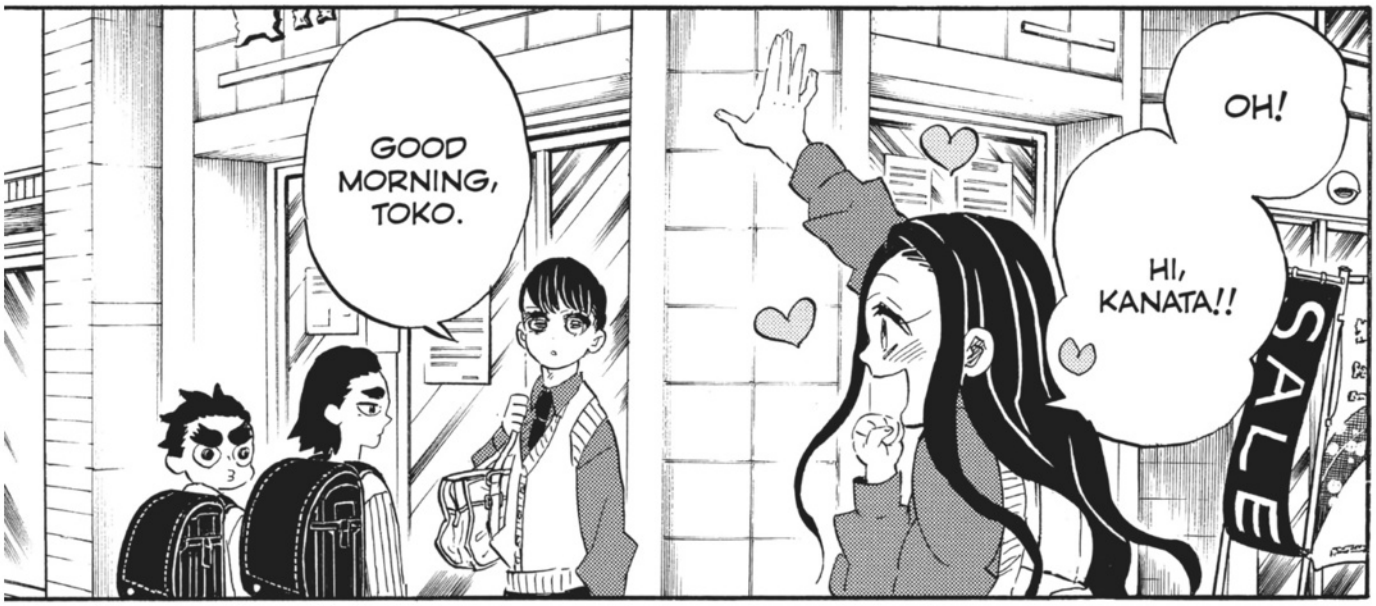
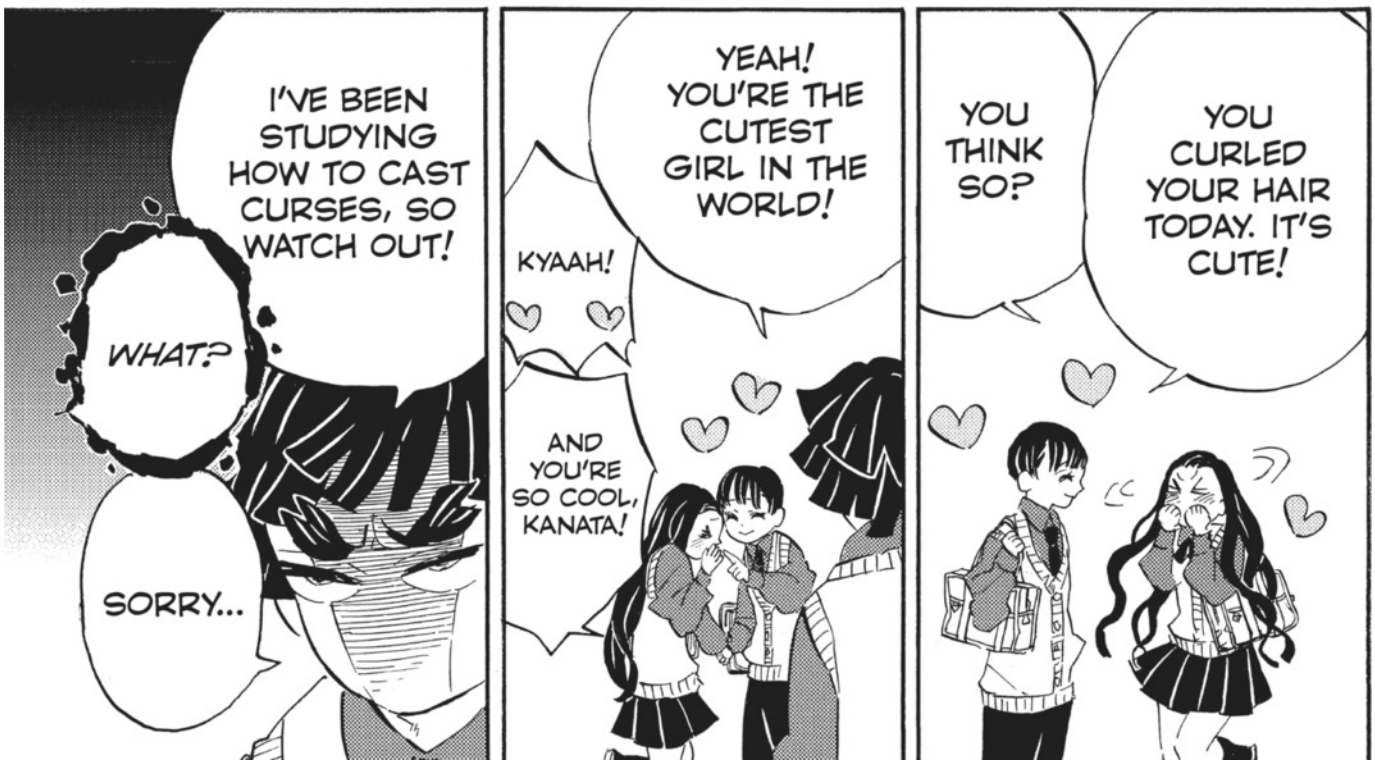

INTERVIEW WITH AOBA HASHIBIRA!!
WHAT A BEAUTY!! ENLARGE IT!
HASHIBIRA'S A *BOTANIST* ?!
YEAH, THAT'S ABOUT THE NEWLY DISCOVERED *BLUE SPIDER LILY*.
IT ONLY BLOOMS TWO OR THREE DAYS A YEAR, AND ONLY DURING THE DAY.
HASHIBIRA WAS RESEARCH-ING IT.
TUNE IN FOR A RESEARCH UPDATE IN JULY!


What a cruel world!
THEY SHOULDN'T BE SO MEAN TO SUCH A DELICATE AND PRETTY GIRL!
Gimme a break!
YOU'RE JUST LIKE OUR FATHER.
THEN I DEMAND HE COMMIT *SEPPUKU*!
HUH? HASHIBIRA IS A *MAN*.
...SO THE PROGRAM IS UNDER INTENSE CRITICISM.
BUT THEN A MISTAKE CAUSED THEM ALL TO WITHER...
...my deepest apologies!
I offer...

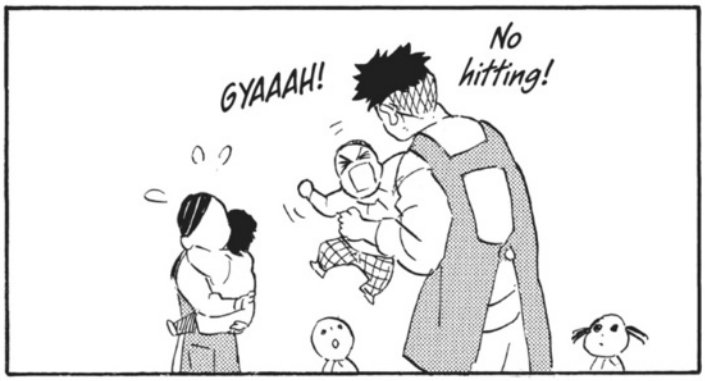

YOU'RE ALWAYS SO CREEPY...
HEH HEH... ARE THEY GIRLS?
LOOK! TWINS!
THEY'RE SO CUTE!

...AND THEY SMELL LIKE HEAVEN!
THOSE GIRLS ARE FROM SEKIREI WOMEN'S ACADEMY...
NO, I'M NOT CREEPY AT ALL!
TEE HEE HEE!

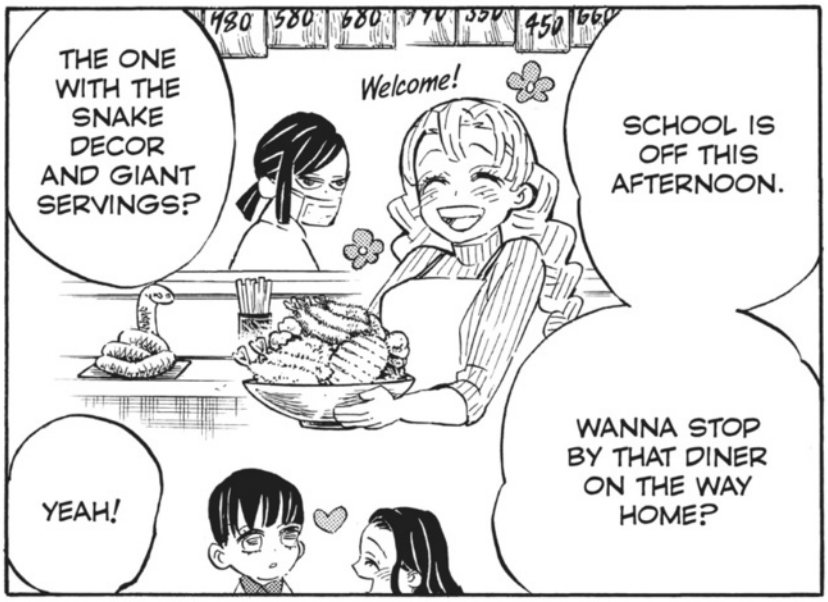

GOOD MORNING, TOKO.
OH!
HI, KANATA!!
SALE


I'VE BEEN STUDYING HOW TO CAST CURSES, SO WATCH OUT!
WHAT?
SORRY...
YEAH! YOU'RE THE CUTEST GIRL IN THE WORLD!
KYAAH!
AND YOU'RE SO COOL, KANATA!
YOU THINK SO?
YOU CURLED YOUR HAIR TODAY. IT'S CUTE!

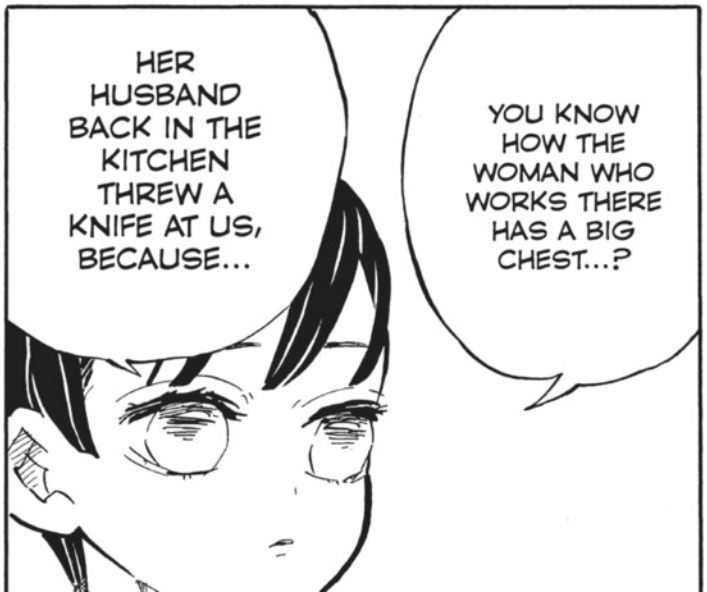
THWAK
WAAAH
GYAAAH


GYAAAH!
No hitting!

WHERE'S SUMIHIKO?
HE'S PROBABLY STILL ASLEEP.
I BET HE'LL FINALLY BE LATE!

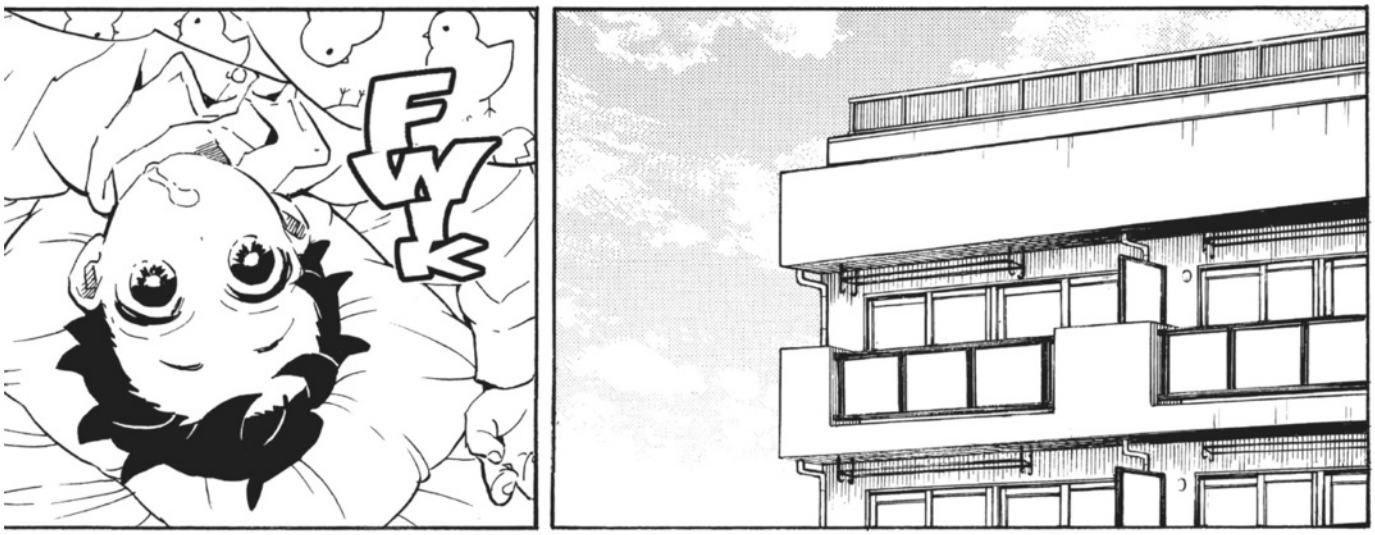

THE ONE WITH THE SNAKE DECOR AND GIANT SERVINGS?
Welcome!
SCHOOL IS OFF THIS AFTERNOON.
WANNA STOP BY THAT DINER ON THE WAY HOME?
YEAH!

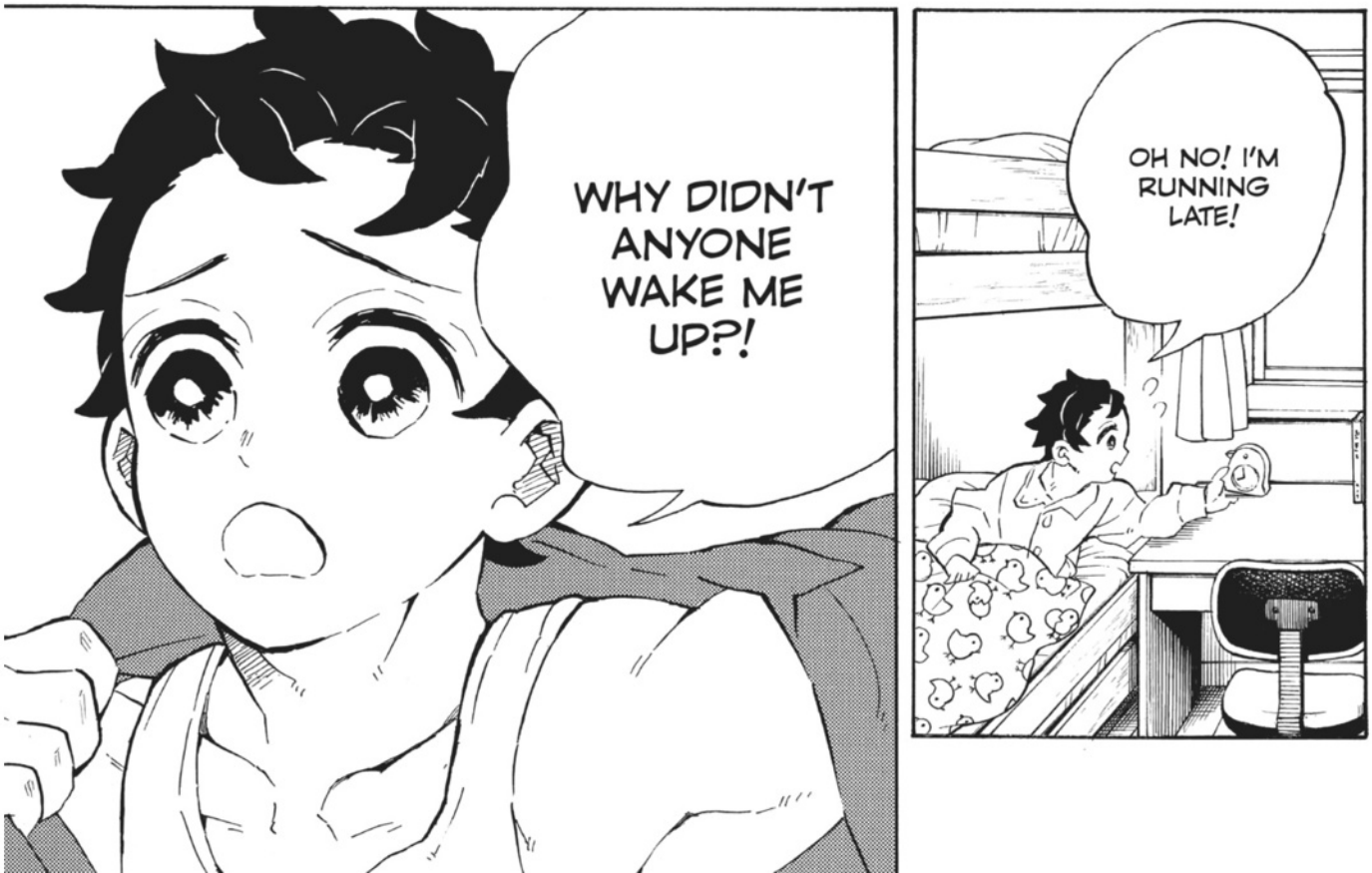
He looks funny in that pink apron!!
THAT KINDER-GARTEN TEACHER IS HUGE!


HER HUSBAND BACK IN THE KITCHEN THREW A KNIFE AT US, BECAUSE...
YOU KNOW HOW THE WOMAN WHO WORKS THERE HAS A BIG CHEST...?

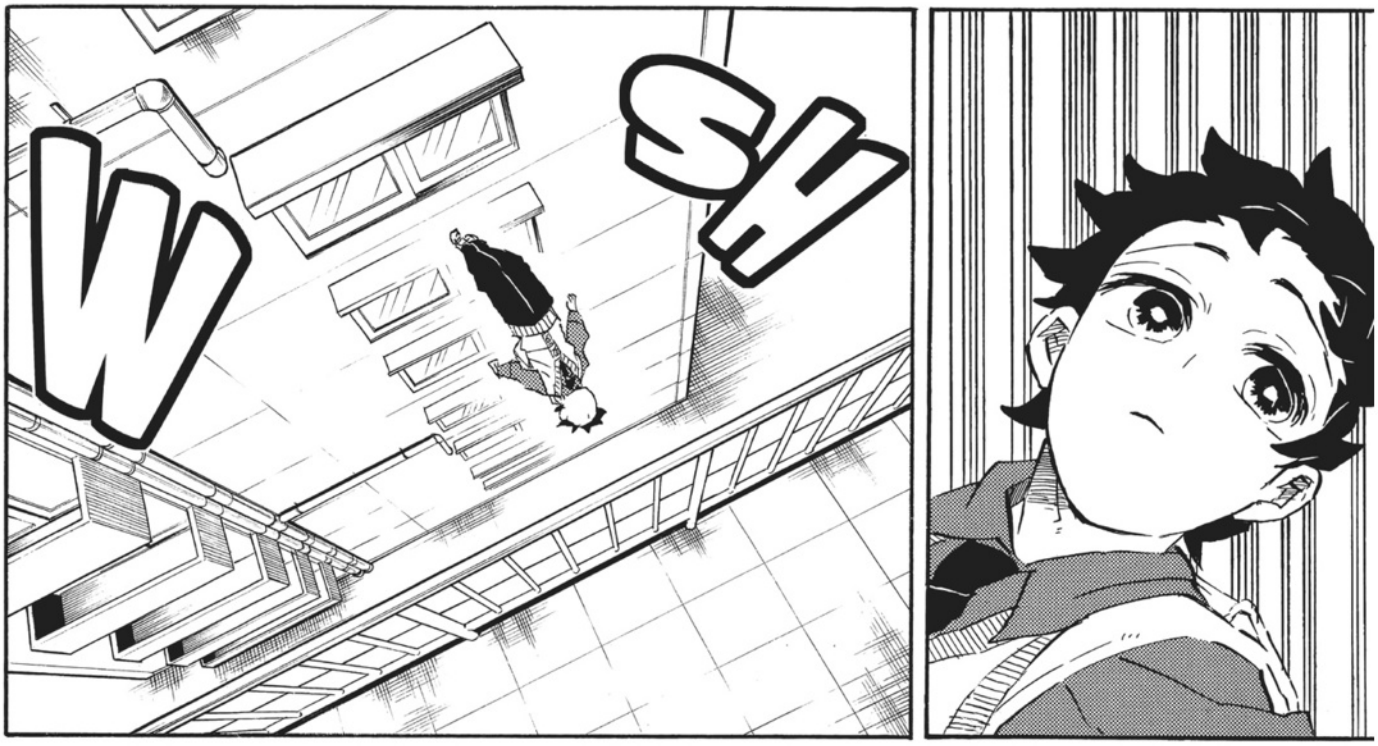
HUH? WHY IS THAT?
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN SHOW MY FACE THERE AGAIN.
WELL...

*STUMBLING OVER HIS WORDS.





I'M LEAVING, MOM!
HUP!
TMP
UMPH!
TMP

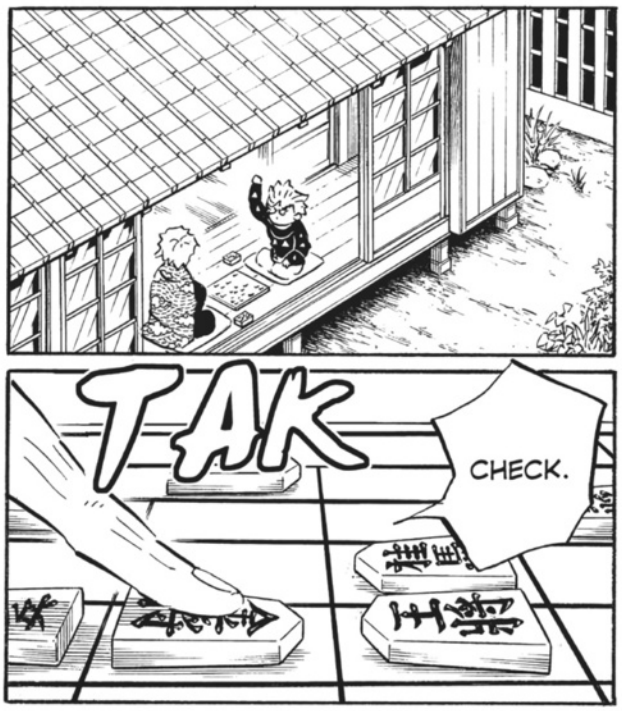

WISH

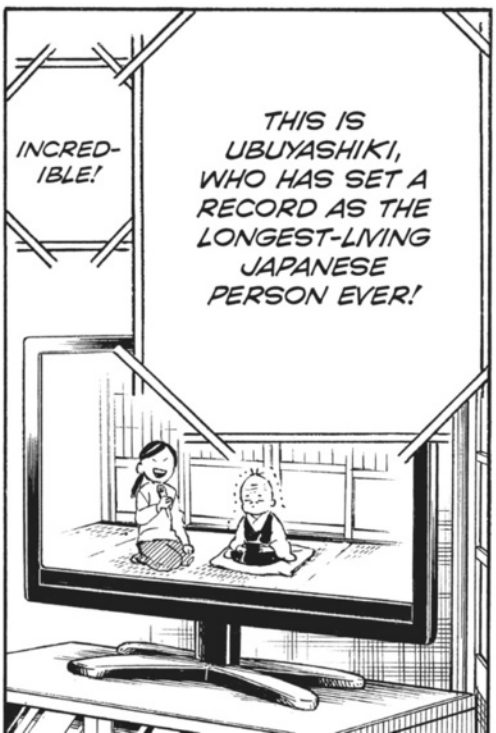
I WANT TO GET THE PERFECT-ATTENDANCE AWARD!
FLIP

WHRL
HUP!
WHSH
TMP
FWSH
TMP
WSH
HFF
HFF
BUT I GOTTA...
...HURRY!
WSH
WSH
THMP
THMP

TO
M
P

WHOOSH
SORRY! COMIN' THROUGH!

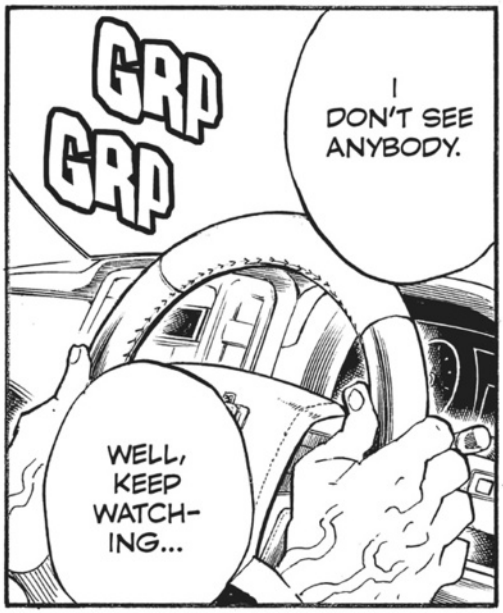

TAK
CHECK.

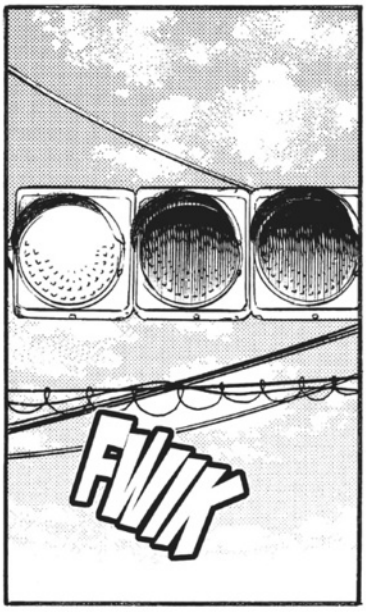

INCRED-IBLE!
THIS IS UBUYASHIKI, WHO HAS SET A RECORD AS THE LONGEST-LIVING JAPANESE PERSON EVER!

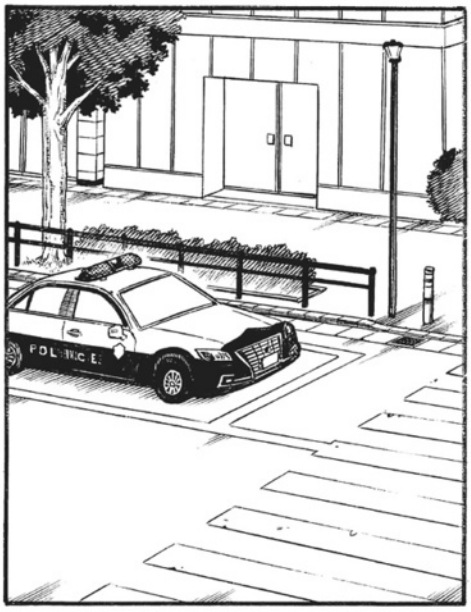
THAT HOOLIGAN ...
FUMP
GOOD MORN-ING!

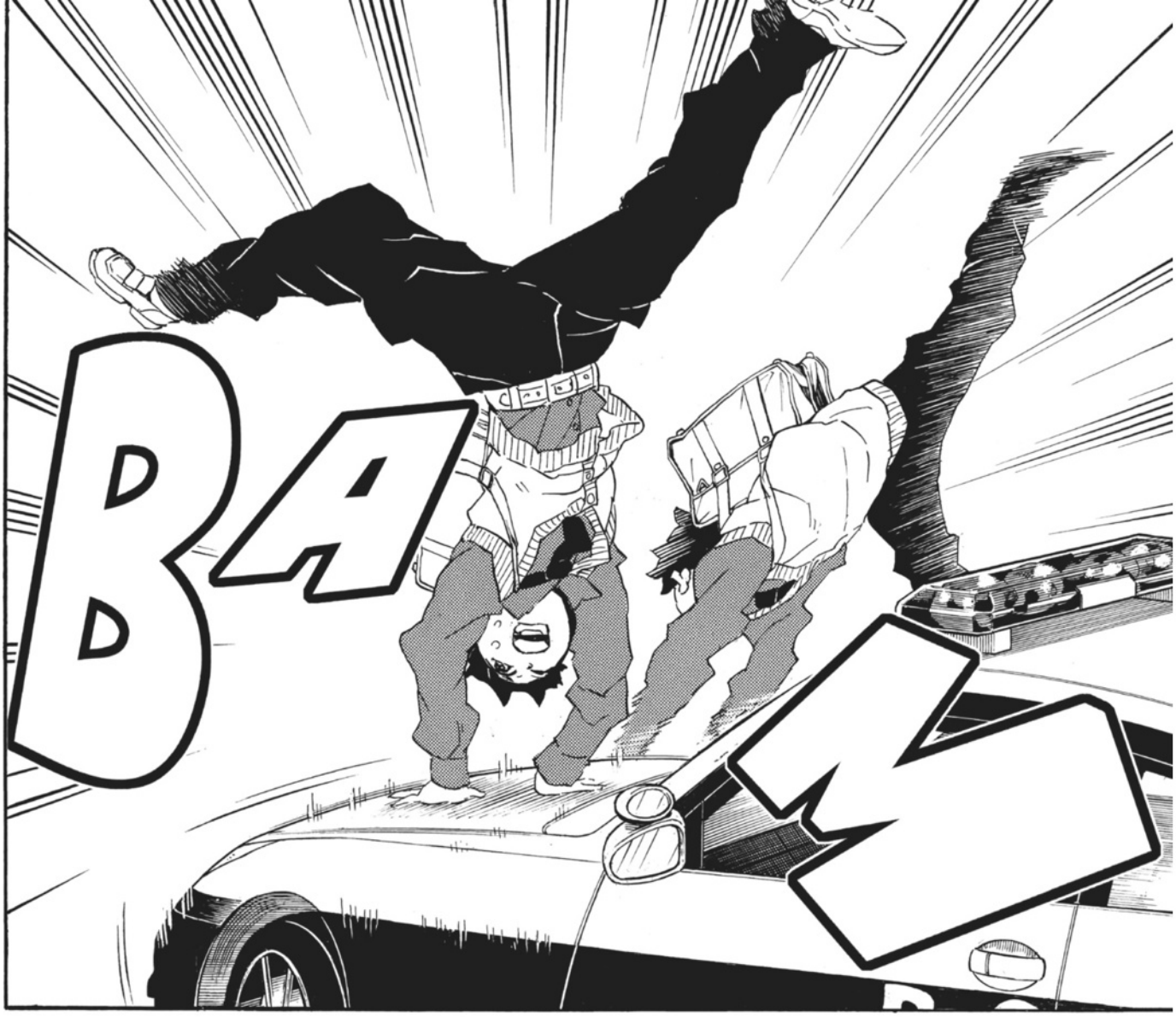
WHAT'S WITH YOU EVERY MORNING?!
SORRY!

*SIGN: HAGANEZUKA MAINTENANCE





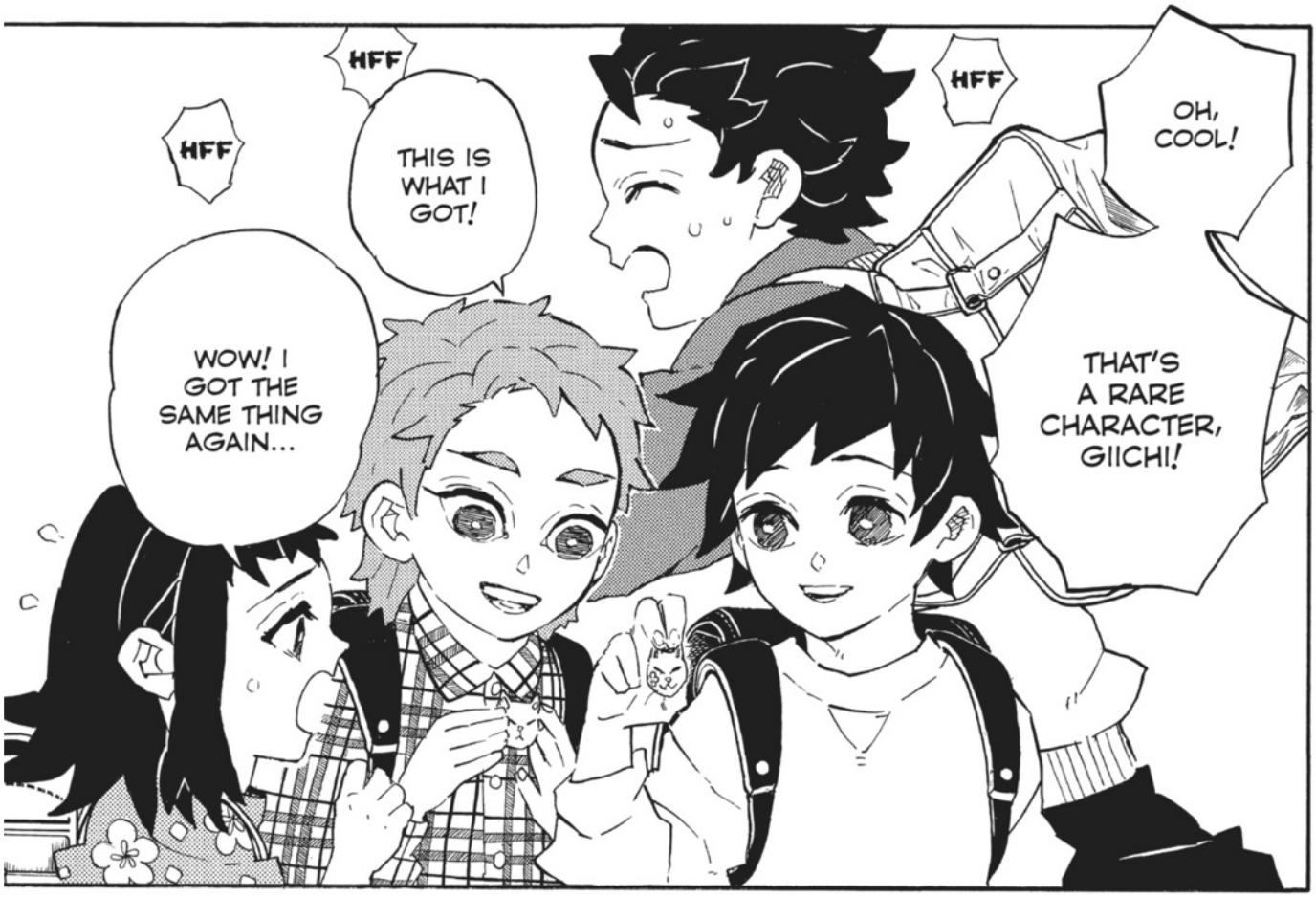


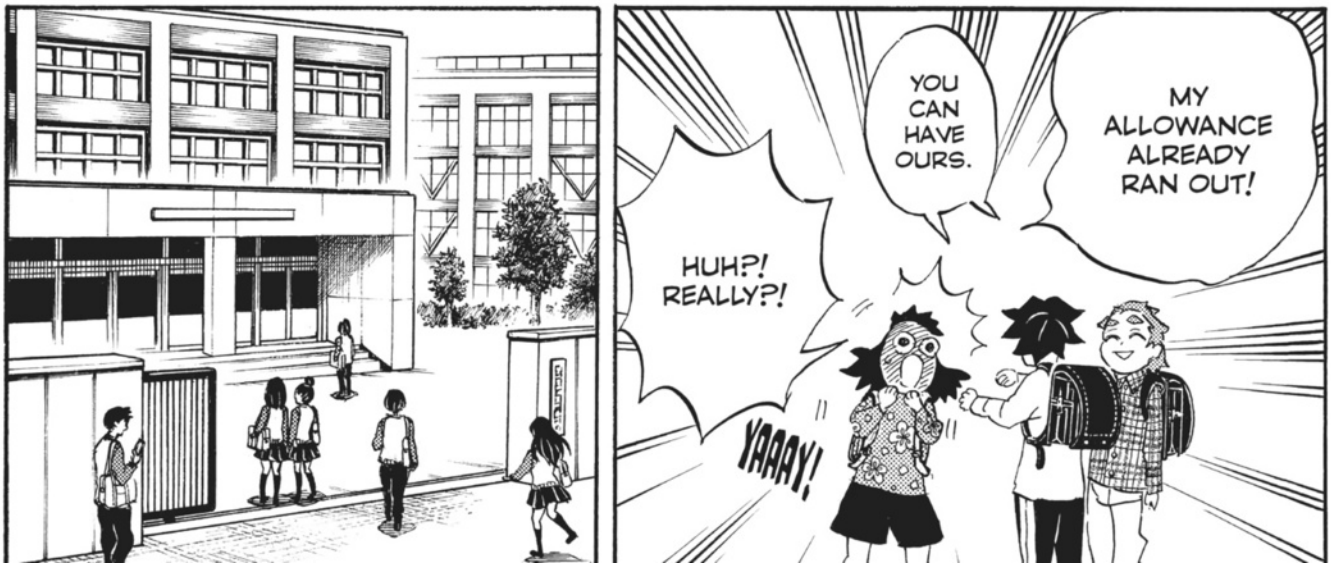

BA
D

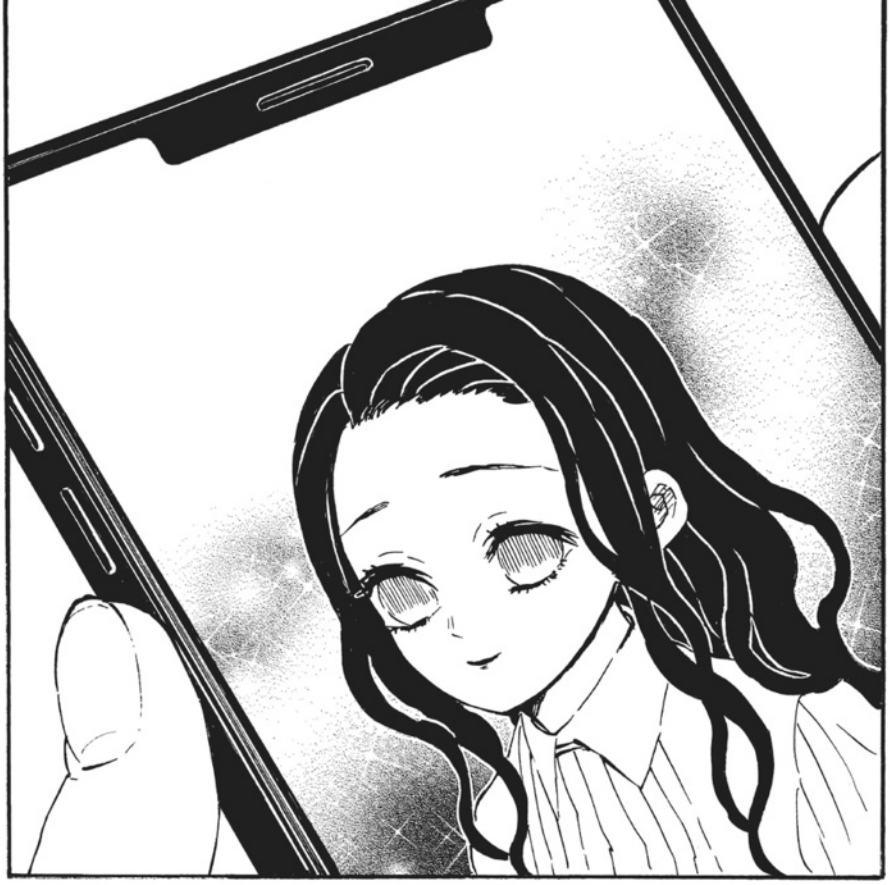
...
UH, SORRY!
TMP
12-36

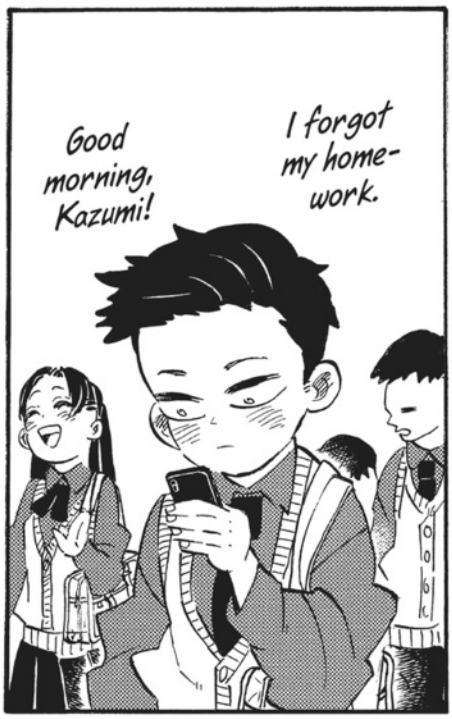
FOR A MOMENT, I THOUGHT WE RAN HIM OVER! THAT PUNK!
THAT MUST BE THE ONE WE GOT SEVEN REPORTS ABOUT.
YEAH...

SHOW ME! SHOW ME!
WHAT'D YOU GET?
HFF
HFF
WILL I MAKE IT IN TIME?
OH MAN!


HFF
HFF
THIS IS WHAT I GOT!
WOW! I GOT THE SAME THING AGAIN...
HFF
OH, COOL!
THAT'S A RARE CHARACTER, GIICHI!


YOU CAN HAVE OURS.
MY ALLOWANCE ALREADY RAN OUT!
HUH?! REALLY?!
YAAAY!





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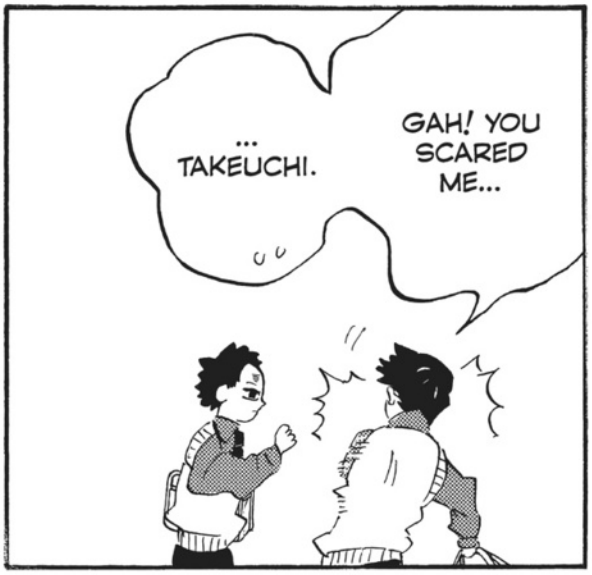
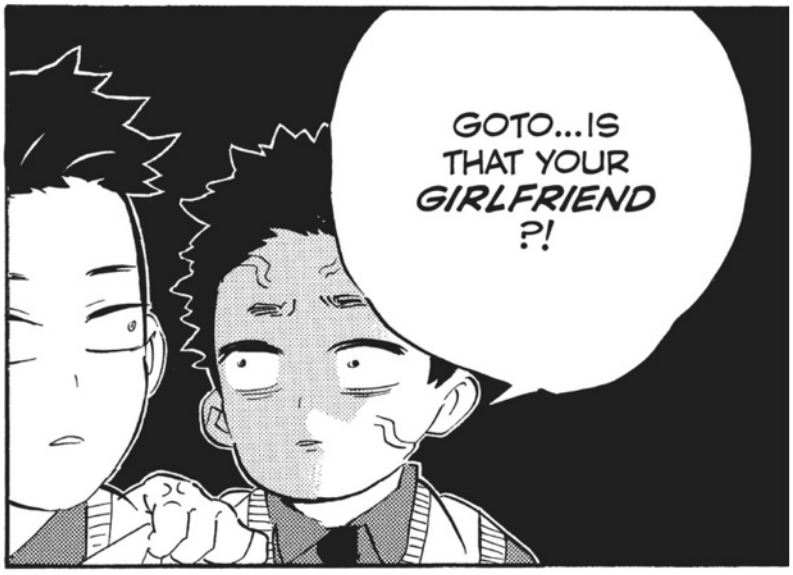
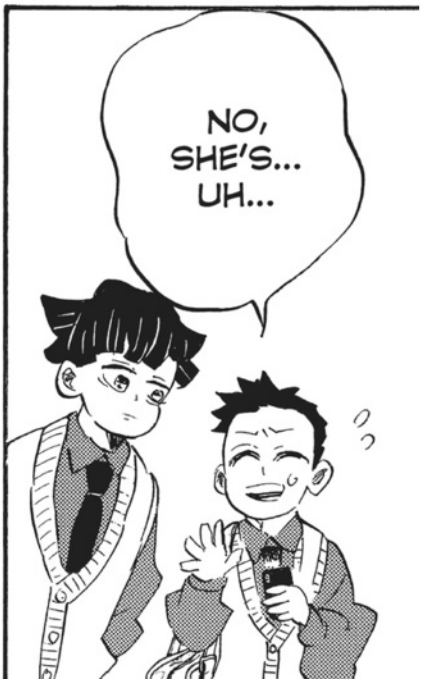
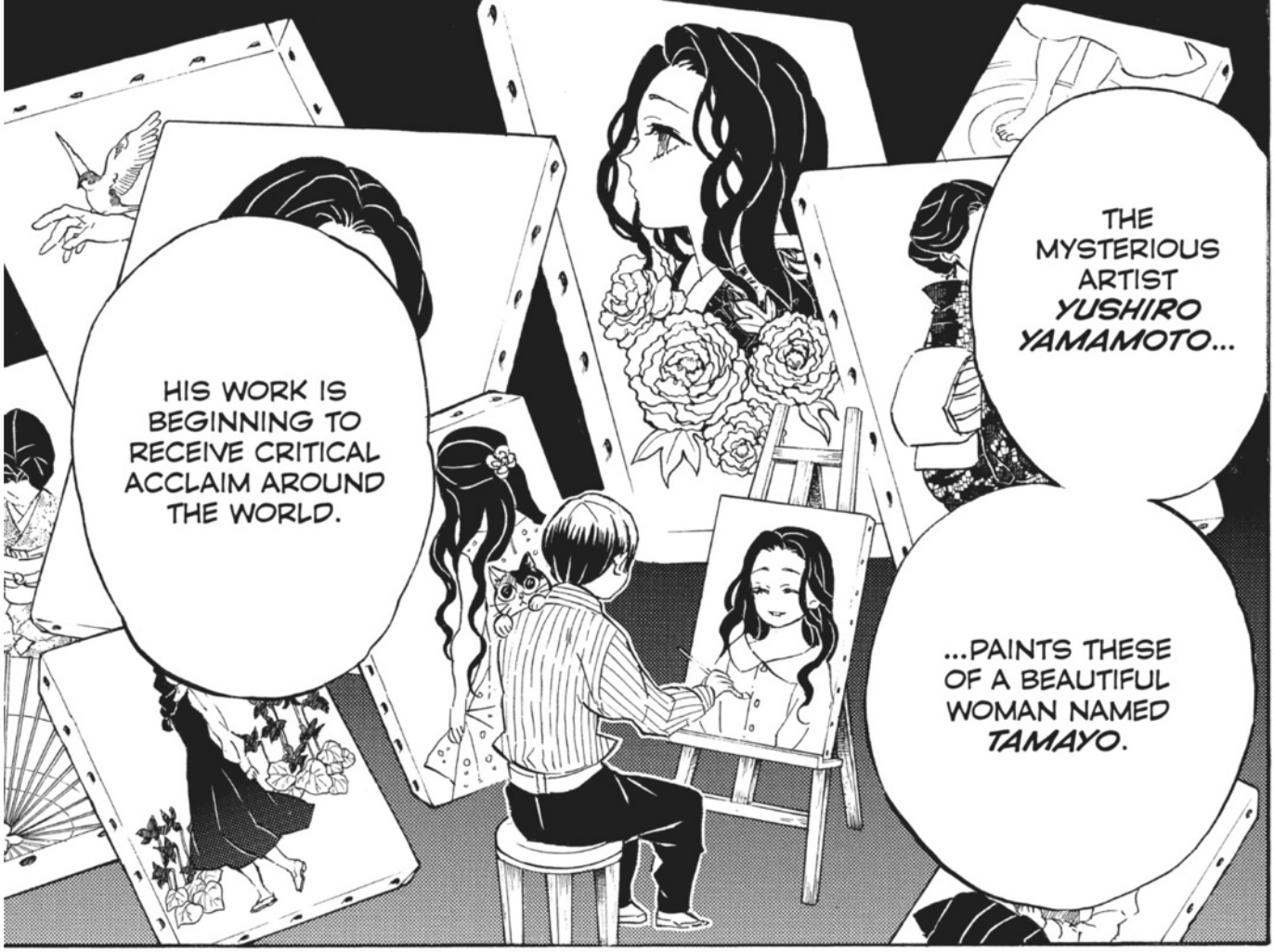
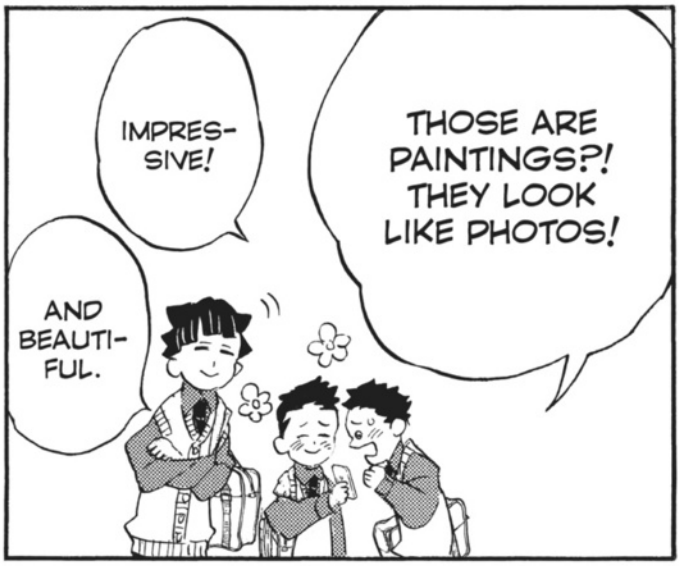






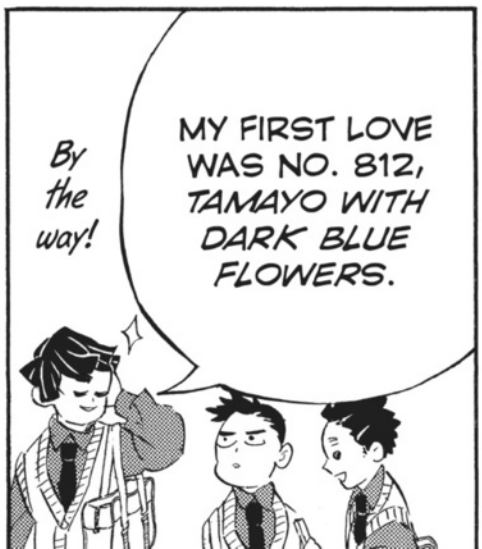

THE MYSTERIOUS ARTIST *YUSHIRO YAMAMOTO*...
...PAINTS THESE OF A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN NAMED *TAMAYO*.
HIS WORK IS BEGINNING TO RECEIVE CRITICAL ACCLAIM AROUND THE WORLD.

BUT HE TRIES TO SHOOT REPORTERS WHO COME FOR INTERVIEWS.
WHAT A VIOLENT PAINTER!
Scary...


THOSE ARE PAINTINGS?! THEY LOOK LIKE PHOTOS!
IMPRES-SIVE!
AND BEAUTI-FUL.

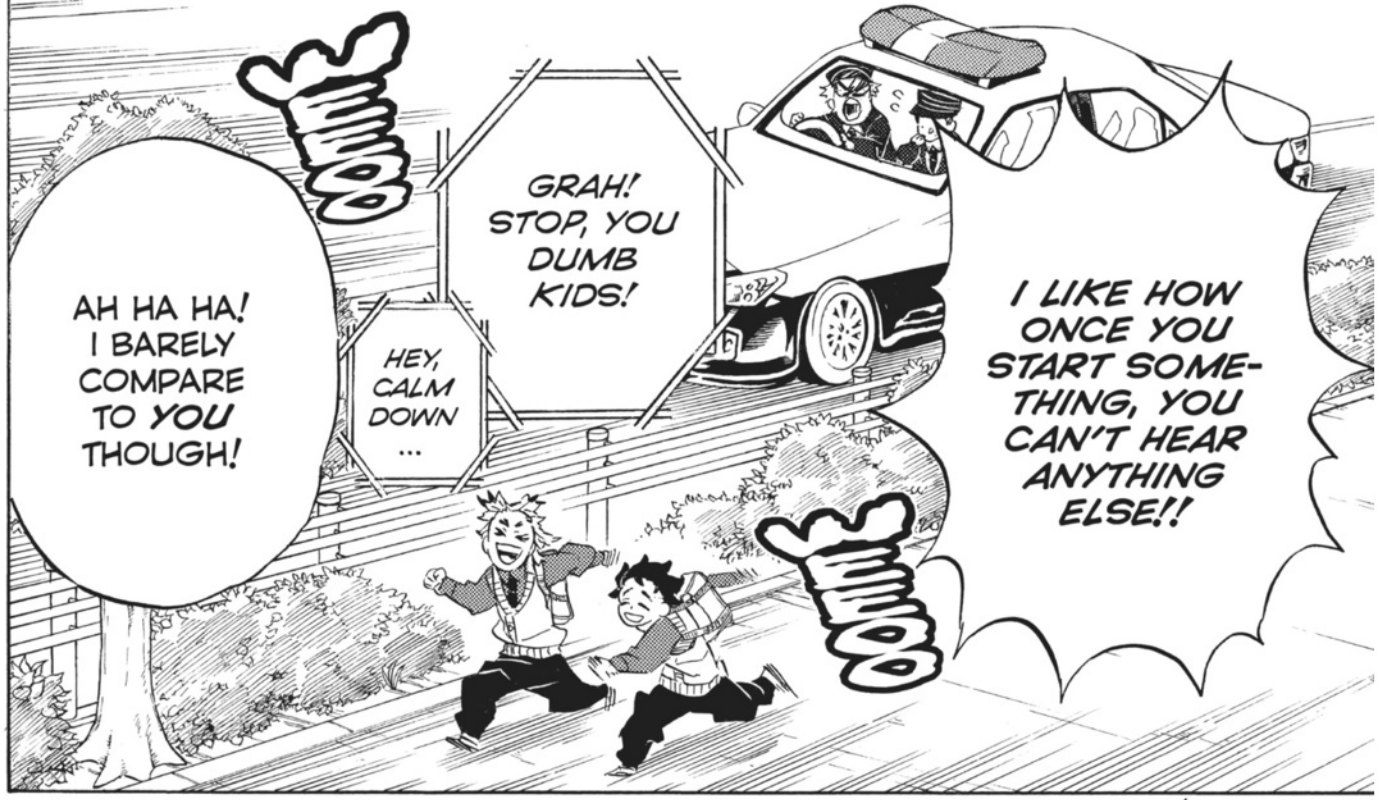
WHO WAS THAT GUY?

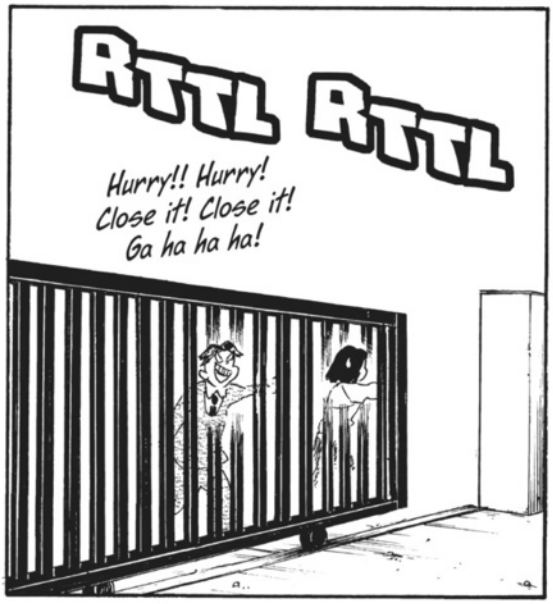
HEH HEH HEH...

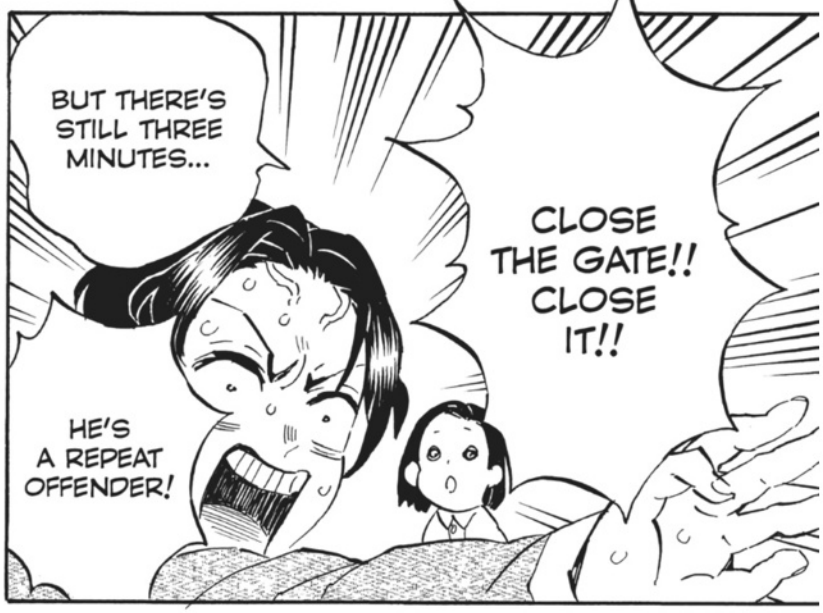

By the way!
MY FIRST LOVE WAS NO. 812, *TAMAYO WITH DARK BLUE FLOWERS*.

FINE MORNING, ISN'T IT?!
SUMIHIKO!!
GOOD MORNING, TOJURO!
I STARTED TRAINING AT 4 A.M. AND GOT ABSORBED IN IT!
YEAH!
DUN
DUN DUN
DUN
IT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO BE LATE!

I COULDN'T HEAR ANYTHING UNTIL MY DAD WHACKED ME!
WA HA HA HA
THAT'S MESSED UP, DUDE!!
OOMPH
OOMPH
OOMPH
YOU KIDS! HALT!
OOMPH
YOU SHOULD JOIN THE KENDO CLUB, SUMIHIKO!
OOMPH
OR WHATEVER! BUT YOU SHOULD DO A SPORT!
OOMPH
YOU WITH THE SHORT HAIR! STOP!
NO WAY! IT'D CUT INTO MY SLEEP!
AW, COME ON! AT LEAST TRY SOME-THING!
OOMPH
OOMPH
OOMPH
I'M CERTAIN YOU'D BE AWESOME!!
PLEASE, STOP! YOU'RE TOO FAST!!
You rock!


AH HA HA! I BARELY COMPARE TO YOU THOUGH!
DOHIE!
GRAH! STOP, YOU DUMB KIDS!
HEY, CALM DOWN ...
DOHIE!
I LIKE HOW ONCE YOU START SOMETHING, YOU CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING ELSE!!


RTTL RTTL
Hurry!! Hurry! Close it! Close it! Ga ha ha ha!


BUT THERE'S STILL THREE MINUTES...
CLOSE THE GATE!! CLOSE IT!!
HE'S A REPEAT OFFENDER!

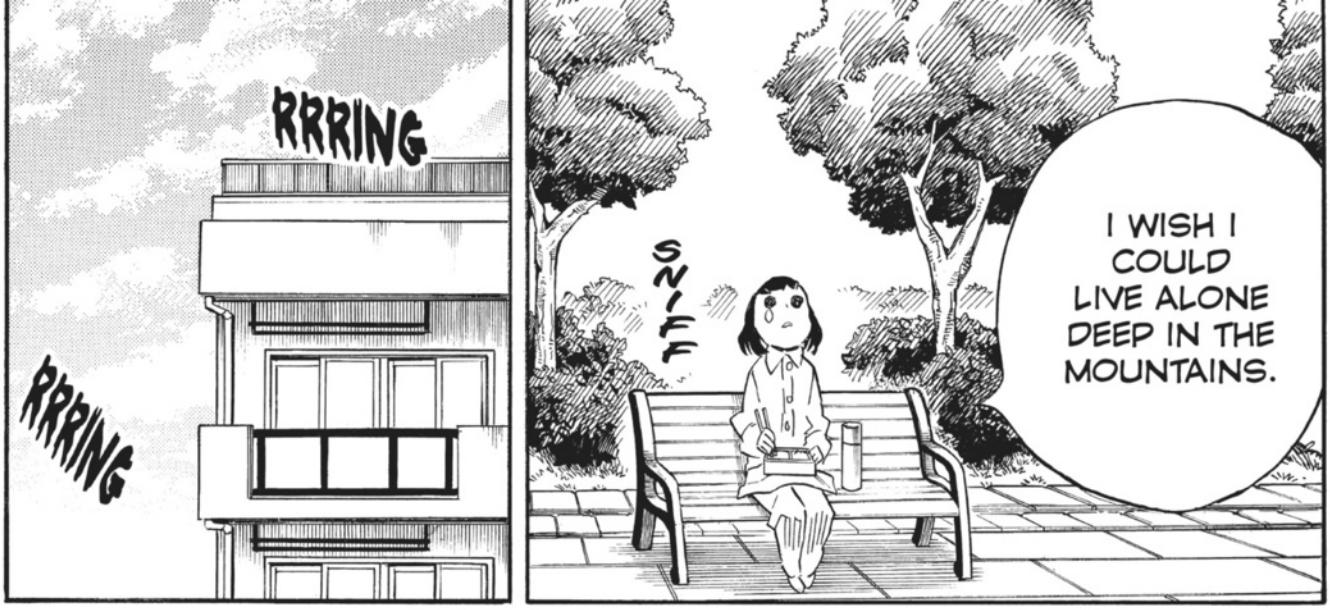
YEAH!!
I THINK WE'LL MAKE IT!

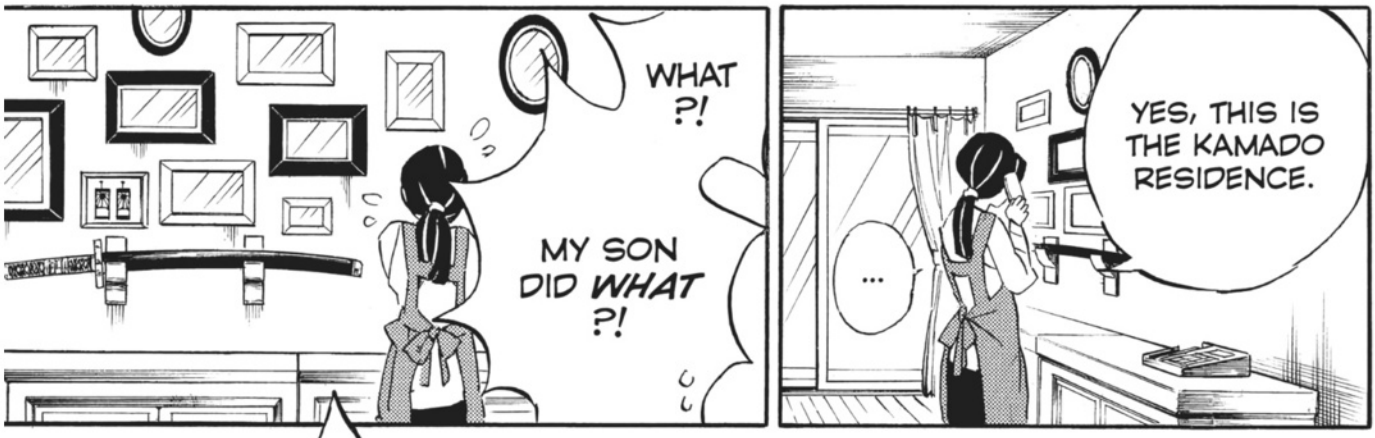
TMP
TMP

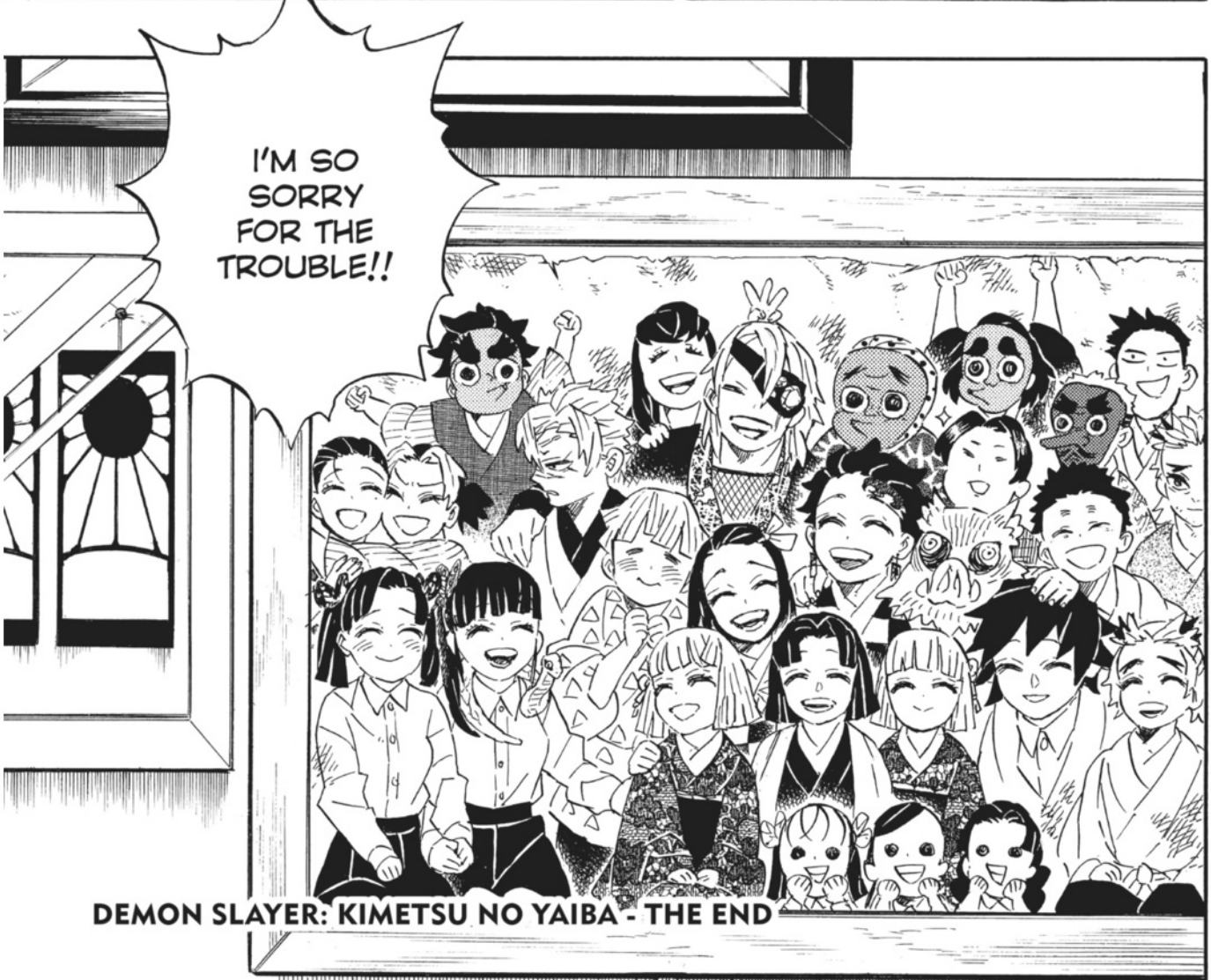
Awesome!
YEP!
WE BARELY MADE IT!

ACK!
GWOOO
WE NEED TO *TALK*...
WEEOO
WEEOO
TUNK

...BUT THE LAB MIGHT FIRE ME.
ANOTHER PEACEFUL DAY...







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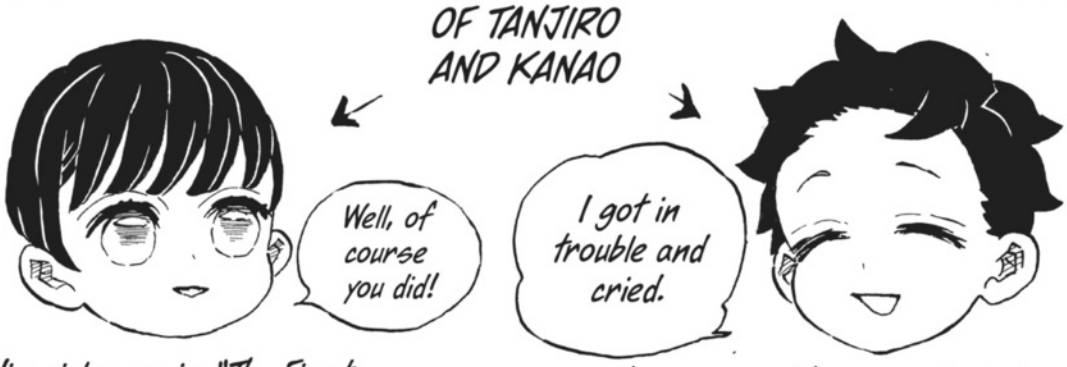
KANATA

DESCENDANTS OF TANJIRO AND KANAO

SUMIHIKO



His nickname is "The First-Love Thief." He regrets being sullen toward his grandmother, so now he tries to be open about what's on his mind. He doesn't have a girlfriend.

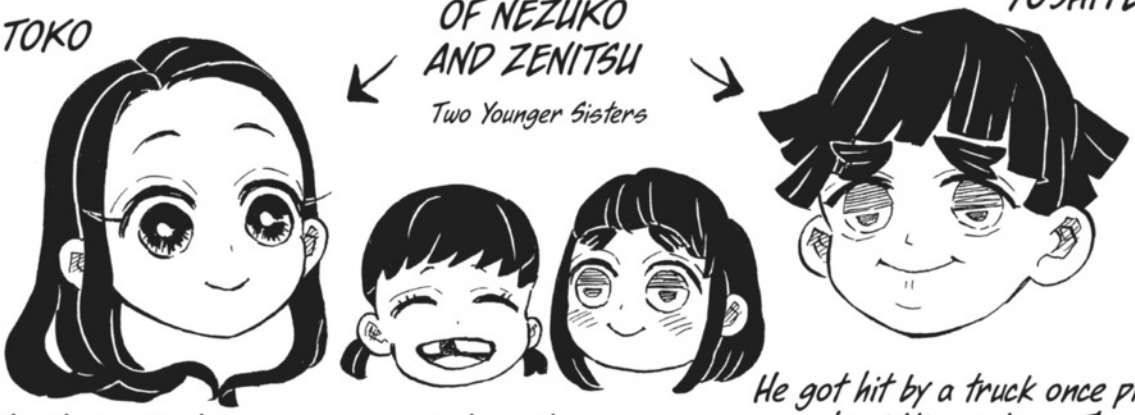
The police and his parents lectured him for four hours over his dangerous antics on the way to school. On the way home, he went to the park and cried. His dream for the future is to work at a zoo. His favorite animal is the slow loris.

DESCENDANTS OF NEZUKO AND ZENITSU

Two Younger Sisters

TOKO

YOSHITERU



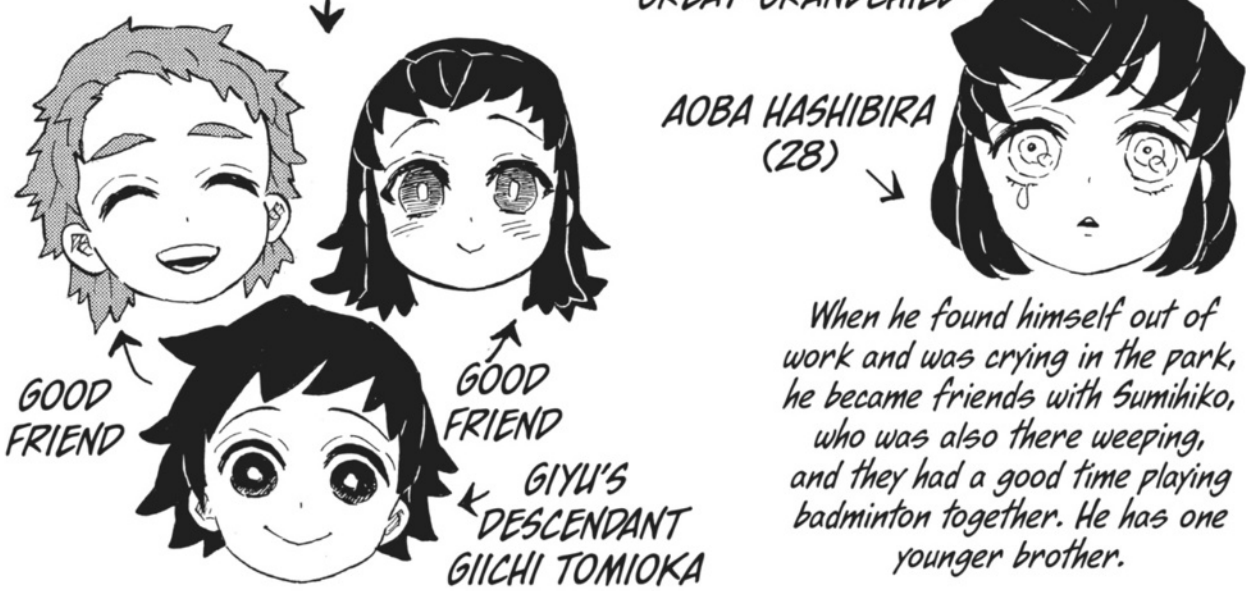
She thinks Yoshiteru can accomplish anything he wants, so she just wishes he would apply himself. Her dream for the future is to be a prosecutor. Yoshiteru was only able to get into high school because she kept an eye on his studies.

He got hit by a truck once protecting his little sisters. Thanks to first aid from Toko, he recovered without any lasting effects. He's good at heart but he often cheats at things. At the moment, he has marshmallows in his mouth.

SWIMMING SCHOOL CLASSMATES

INOSUKE AND AOI'S GREAT-GRANDCHILD

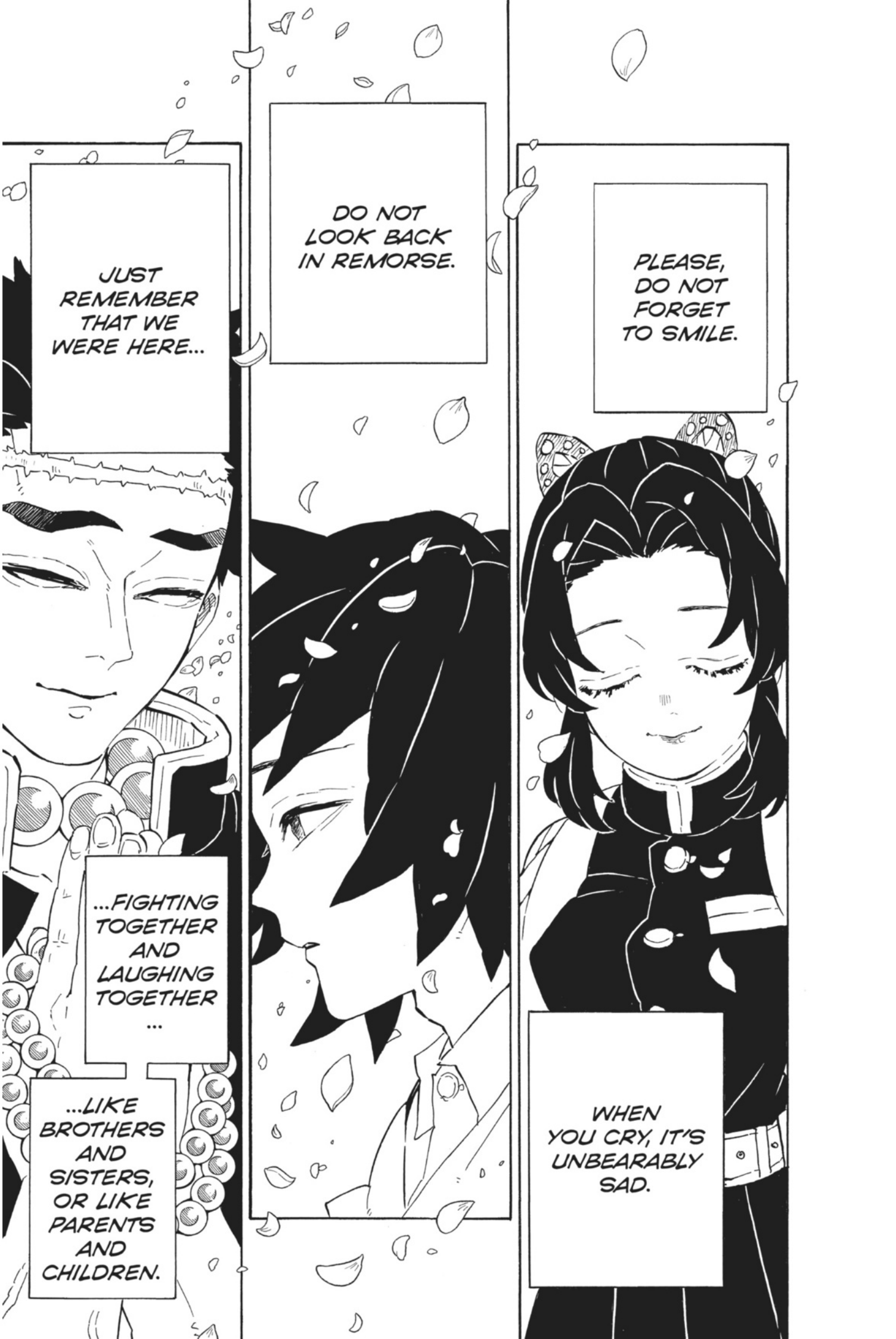
AOBA HASHIBIRA (28)

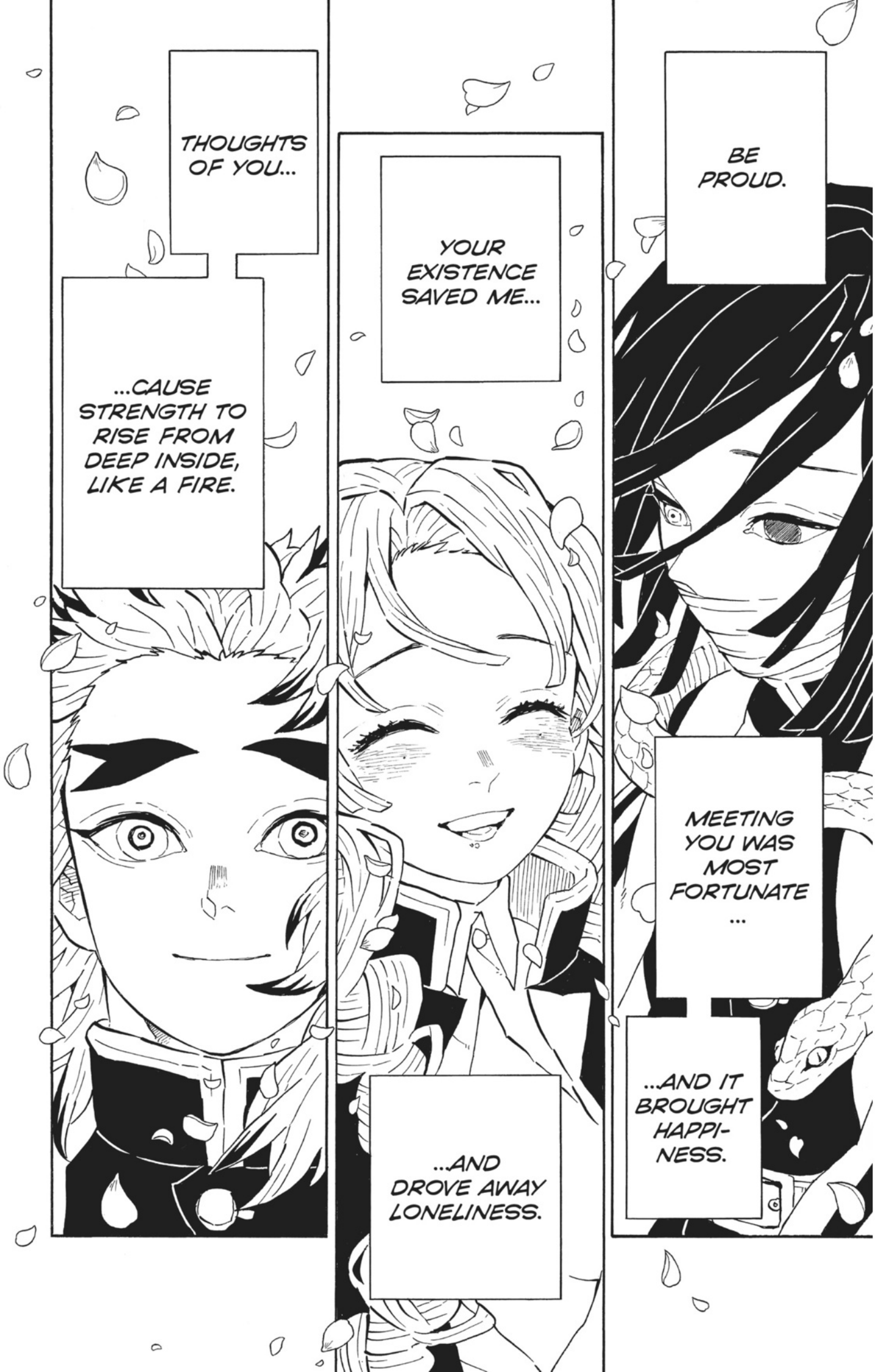


When he found himself out of work and was crying in the park, he became friends with Sumihiko, who was also there weeping, and they had a good time playing badminton together. He has one younger brother.

SENJURO RENGOKU'S DESCENDANT TOJURO
TOJURO
Wa ha ha!
He's extremely optimistic and has a strong heart, so he even responds to insults with "Thank you!"
SEKIREI WOMEN'S ACADEMY PRETTY SISTERS
ELDERLY SHOGI BUDDIES
SANEMI SHINAZUGAWA'S DESCENDANT
SUBORDINATE
SANEHIRO
They've been as tight as brothers ever since they got badly cut while arresting some men wielding knives.
MURATA'S GREAT-GRAND-CHILD, A SCHOOL TEACHER
TWINS UNDER MIST-PATTERNED BLANKETS
KOTETSU'S DESCENDANT
KANAMORI'S DESCENDANT
GOTO'S DESCENDANT
TAKEUCHI'S DESCENDANT
KIYO, SUMI AND NAHO'S DESCENDANTS
HAGANEZUKA'S MECHANIC
DINER COUPLE
They have five children.
NURSERY SCHOOL TEACHER
Very tall
KIRIYA UBUYASHIKI
ARTIST
TENMA
YUSHIRO
Can't let anyone notice he doesn't age.
UZUI TENGEN'S DESCENDANT
Gymnast. One of seven brothers and sisters.
Got older
Only three strands of hair
FRIENDS
HAPPY FAMILY

TO BE
BORN
IS A
BLESSING.


JUST REMEMBER THAT WE WERE HERE...
...FIGHTING TOGETHER AND LAUGHING TOGETHER ...
...LIKE BROTHERS AND SISTERS, OR LIKE PARENTS AND CHILDREN.
DO NOT LOOK BACK IN REMORSE.
PLEASE, DO NOT FORGET TO SMILE.
WHEN YOU CRY, IT'S UNBEARABLY SAD.

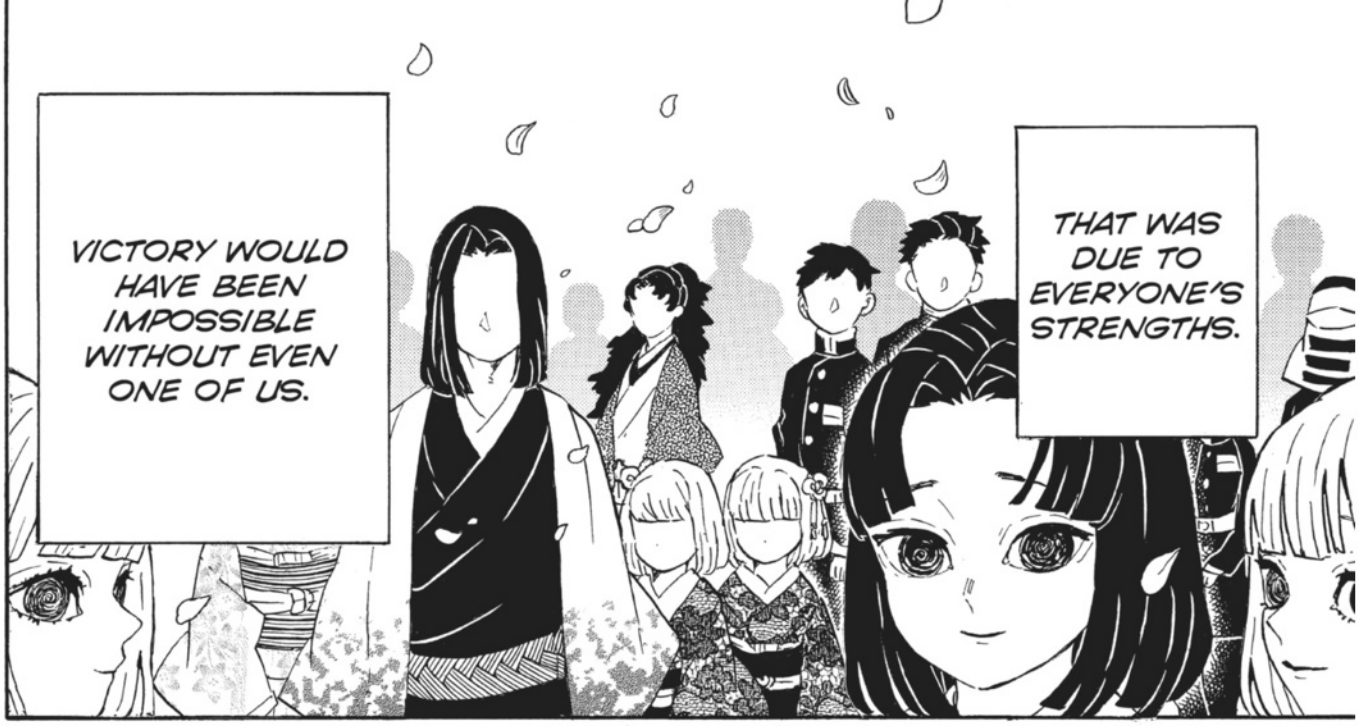

BE PROUD.
MEETING YOU WAS MOST FORTUNATE ...
...AND IT BROUGHT HAPPI-NESS.
YOUR EXISTENCE SAVED ME...
...AND DROVE AWAY LONELINESS.
THOUGHTS OF YOU...
...CAUSE STRENGTH TO RISE FROM DEEP INSIDE, LIKE A FIRE.

IF POSSIBLE, EVERYONE WOULD DESIRE...
...TO LIVE AND STAY BY EACH OTHER'S SIDE.
BUT THEY HAD TO MAKE A CHOICE.
LIVE OR DIE. WIN OR LOSE.
BUT TO HAVE ANY CHOICE AT ALL IS FORTUNATE.
TRUE SUFFERING IS LIKE AN AVALANCHE.
IT SWALLOWS A PERSON IN AN INSTANT AND OFFERS NO CHOICE.

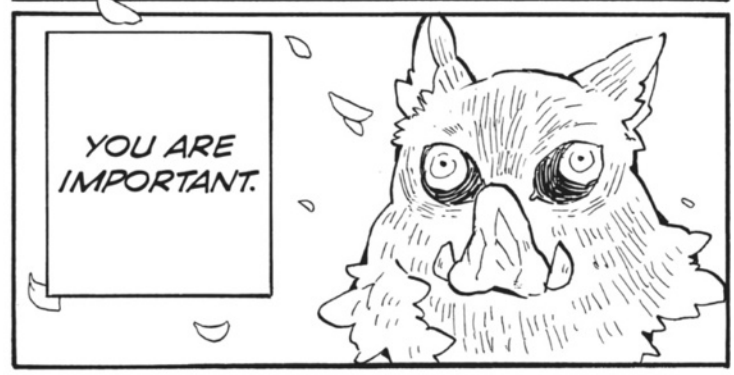
I HAVE NEVER THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT...
...THAT I WAS UNHAPPY.
HAPPINESS ISN'T ABOUT THE LENGTH OF YOUR LIFE.
I WANT YOU TO SEE THE DEPTH OF THIS HAPPINESS I HAVE.
THEY JUST WANTED TO PROTECT OTHERS.
OTHER LIVES WERE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THEIR OWN.

WE NEVER GAVE UP OR RAN AWAY...
...AND WE KEPT THE FAITH.
AND WE ALWAYS...
...GAVE IT EVERYTHING WE HAD.
MANY STRONG FEELINGS BECAME AN IMMENSE BLADE...
...AND DEFEATED THE ENEMY.

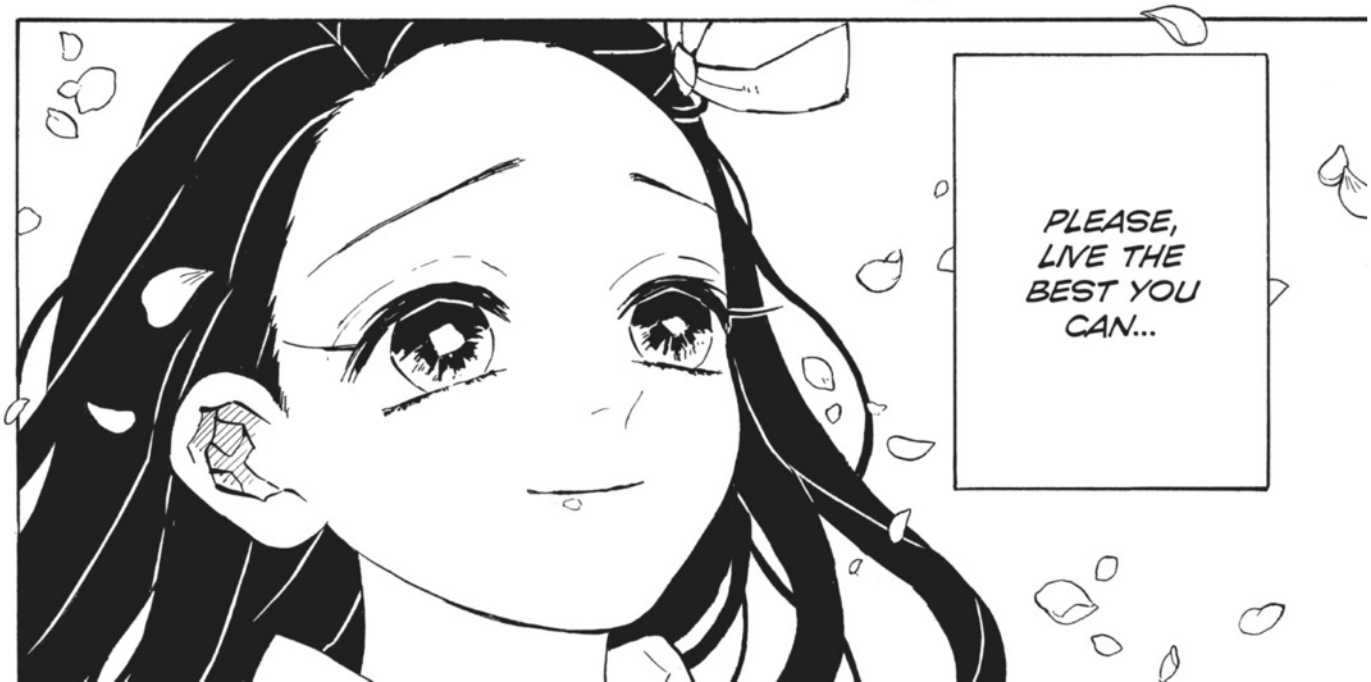
...MY MOST BELOVED FRIENDS.


VICTORY WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT EVEN ONE OF US.
THAT WAS DUE TO EVERYONE'S STRENGTHS.

YOU ARE PRECIOUS.


YOU ARE IMPORTANT.

LIFE ITSELF IS A MIRACLE.


PLEASE, LIVE THE BEST YOU CAN...

Hi, I'm Gotouge! And here's the final volume! This completes *Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba*. Parts of it weren't perfect, but I'm thankful from the bottom of my heart to everyone who stuck with me to the end and to everyone who sent letters. Some people sent warm and encouraging words even when they were having a hard time themselves. That was deeply moving. It made me think that I'd like to become the kind of person who can spread kindness even when I'm having a difficult time.

I'm sorry if there was anyone who always looked forward to this series but was unable to see its completion. My dream is that we will meet again sometime and be friends.

This series is a story I made with all of you. It's a story that wouldn't exist if you hadn't read it. Thank you for fighting alongside Tanjiro and the other characters, and thank you for your tears and laughter. A lot of people helped me, and I was able to learn and grow a lot. It was a greater honor than I deserve. Thank you so very much. From the bottom of my heart, I wish for the happiness of everyone who provided encouragement, helped out or was involved with the series in some way.